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## A possible home for Heathens after talks

IT'S being kept a secret but a possible new site to build a Dudley Heathens speedway stadium has emerged after talks with the council leader and club officials.

Talks to resolve the long-running campaign reached a head when Heathens bosses brokered face-to-face talks with Dudley Councillor David Sparks.

Almost two hours of discussions took place between the parties examining the viability of different locations in the borough.

Officials are keeping tight-lipped on one possible site which was highlighted during the talks in recent days.

Heathens chairman Nigel Pearson thanked Councillor Sparks and said he hoped it would mark a milestone in the campaign.

The club called for the talks in a bid to push forward stadium prospects almost two decades since the downfall of the former Cradley side.

Both Dudley and Sandwell councils have been approached by the Heathens in the past but a deal has yet to materialise.

"I was very pleased with the meeting and he was very forthright and honest in his views," said Mr Pearson.

"We are looking at several projects at the moment and there is one site that is of particular interest."

## Boss of zoo is honoured

THE chief executive of Dudley Zoo has received an award for his outstanding contribution to arts in the Midlands.

Peter Suddock was honoured for his work as chairman of Leaps and Bounds Trust, an arts charity for disadvantaged youngsters. He was among 17 leaders from the region to be honoured at Jaguar Land Rover's Business Champions reception at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. Mr Suddock, 66, of Worfield, Shropshire, said he was delighted.

# POOR TEAMWORK IN CHILD TRAGEDY

by Louise Jew

**SOCIAL services in Dudley and Sandwell have admitted 'poor' joint working in the case of an underweight little girl who died in a cold room while her mother watched a DVD.**

The failure of the two authorities to settle their differences over who should be responsible for the protection of 18-month-old Keidey-Ellese Earp was of 'great concern' to the panel that investigated the case. The Crown Prosecution Service made a decision last July that there should be no criminal action against any member of Keidey's family following a police investigation into her death.

## Speeding is top concern in webchat

FEARS over speeding along roads in Halesowen was the main cause for concern highlighted by residents during a webchat with a leading police officer.

Sgt Martin Hall, who is responsible for both Halesowen North and South policing teams, went online to speak to people in the town about their concerns from 6pm on Tuesday.

The majority of questions were how people driving at excessive speeds around the town could be tackled by officers.

Howley Grange Road and Carters Lane were highlighted by residents as problem spots with both roads on school routes.

One resident, who did not use a name during the webchat, said: "Speeding around Halesowen has increased dramatically recently. Two areas which have been identified by myself are Howley Grange Road and Carters Lane. Both are school routes and it is only a matter of time before a collision occurs with a child."

But Sgt Hall said he did not believe issues concerning speed had increased locally.

"When we carry out short speed initiatives I am seeing better compliance with speed limits in general," he said.

Sgt Lewis said he believed a key to tackling speeding on roads was to make youngsters aware of the dangers.

"One thing I would like to do is involve our schools. I believe making young people aware of the dangers would have a positive impact on their attitude to road safety when they are older."

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain, who last week recorded an open verdict on the little girl's death from a mystery illness, said it would be dangerous to say it was due to neglect.

Keidey's devastated mother Elizabeth Duffell, 22, said: "I would have done anything to stop my daughter's death."

Dudley and Sandwell social services, together with other agencies involved in child protection, are implementing a total of around 60 recommendations for improvement from their own reviews of the case.

And a review panel, led by social work consultant Alan Ferguson, has come up with eight overall recommendations.

Sandwell Social Services had been monitoring Keidey's case since April 2011, when she was living at her grandmother's home in the borough – but, when the family moved to Dudley, they were 'wrangling' about who should be in charge.

## Failing

There were concerns that Keidey was failing to thrive and not putting on weight.

But it was not until December 1, 2011 – two days before Keidey's death, after she had been left on a cot under a window in her cold bedroom at her home in Tansey Green Road, Pensnett – that Sandwell Council decided to launch court case proceedings.

Mr Ferguson, who carried out a 'safeguarding children board' enquiry following the death, said improvements centred around the way cases are transferred between local authorities and better liaison between their legal departments.

Health visitor Heather Chaloner, who works for the Black Country Partnership NHS Trust, told how she had made frequent visits to 18-month-old Keidey and her mother in Tansey Green Road, Pensnett from May 2011.

Mrs Chaloner said she had voiced her concerns to social services about the child's weight and a 'lack of engagement' with her mother.

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## The Lighthouse shines again



Celebrating winning pub of the month are Barry and Jane Woodward with son Edward

A HALESOWEN pub has come back from the brink of collapse to win an award.

Management say The Lighthouse was losing around £3,000 a week while Coombs Road was closed for six months of repairs.

But they say since the road reopened customers have been pouring in and now the business is back on track.

In recognition of the turnaround, the pub's parent company, Brains, named it Pub of the Month in its in-house publication, Inn Profit magazine.

Licensee Barry Woodward, aged 58, said: "I was delighted when I got the phone call telling me we'd won. It's quite an accolade for the pub because it had been on its knees. "About three times I thought we would

have to close. We were on the brink of collapse, but we've worked very hard and long hours to turn the place around."

Mr Woodward took over the pub with his wife Jane and sons Edward and Adam in February last year – but just two weeks later National Grid and South Staffs Water closed the road outside for utility works.

Since then the pub's interior has been repainted and the family has created a new menu to draw in customers.

Dave Glew, the pub's business development manager, said: "In all my years in the trade I have not seen anyone battle as hard as Barry to make a business work."

"He really deserves all the success and recognition he is now receiving."

## Review on crossing where man was killed

A REVIEW will take place into safety at a crossing in a Dudley town after an elderly man was knocked down and killed.

Concerns have been raised over the busy crossroads in Brierley Hill outside the police station following the serious accident. Navy war veteran Arnold Soulsby, aged 90, died after being struck by a skip lorry while crossing at the Bank Street traffic lights on January 30.

Ward councillor Rachel Harris visited the junction along with traffic officers from Dudley Council to see if any improvements can be made.

Changes to the sequencing of the lights will be considered alongside the introduction of clear crossing signs for pedestrians.

Residents spoke at a recent public meeting to air their concerns about the busy junction leading onto Brierley Hill High Street.

Mr Soulsby, of Miles Court, in John Street, was thought to be walking to nearby shops when the accident happened. Results of the review will be available in due course. An inquest has been opened and adjourned.

## Archdeacon moving on

THE Archdeacon of Dudley, The Venerable Fred Trethewey, is to step down after 12 years in the post.

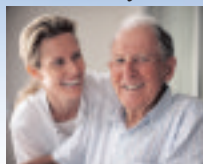
The Rev Trethewey will retire from the ministry at the end of September to take up a new role as Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church in Brittany, France.

He has been a vicar in the town since 1988, serving at St John's Church, Brockmoor and chaplain at Russell's Hall Hospital as well as Rural Dean of Kingswinford.

His new role in Brittany will be part of a chaplaincy serving mostly English and English-speaking people.

He said: "It is with very mixed feelings that I look forward to the next chapter in my life and ministry."

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# Daughter was my world, says mother

THE mother of tragic underweight child Keidey-Ellese Earp has spoken of how the little girl was 'my world'. Single mother Elizabeth Duffell, aged 22, said: "She was my little girl and I loved her to pieces. It's been portrayed that I left her in her cot to die - but I can't help it that she passed away. My little girl was my world."

Social services in Dudley and Sandwell have been criticised for the

way they 'wrangled' about who should look after 18-month-old Keidey, who died at her home in Tansey Green Road, Pensnett, on December 3, 2011. Miss Duffell told the inquest she had been watching a DVD in the next bedroom when Keidey died and had not realised what time it was.

Speaking after the inquest, Miss Duffell claimed it was she who initially called in social services to help

her find accommodation because she and Keidey were living at her mother's home in Sandwell and it was 'overcrowded'. "I was phoning them for help," she said.

"I'd never had social services involved before but I phoned them in April 2011. I had been made homeless," she said.

"They put me in temporary accommodation in a bed and breakfast and then I found the property in

Tansey Green Road myself. The property in Tansey Green Road had no heating but Sandwell social services said they would no longer find accommodation for me but they told me my mother's home wasn't suitable because of overcrowding," she claimed.

"I've been portrayed as such a bad person, which I'm not. I would have done anything to stop my daughter's death."

# Tragedy of little Keidey who died in cold room

AN underweight baby girl died after being left alone in a wet cot by a window for more than four hours - following months of "wrangling" by two social service teams about responsibility.

Sixty recommendations have now been drawn up by Dudley and Sandwell councils after the case of tragic 18-month-old Keidey-Ellese Earp was not picked up in time by the authorities. An inquest heard that court care proceedings by social workers, who had been monitoring her case for seven months

## Bosses vow lessons will be learned over death

LESSONS have been learned following the tragic death of Keidey-Ellese Earp, social services bosses have vowed.

A Smethwick inquest heard last week that agencies involved in monitoring 18-month-old Keidey amid fears for her wellbeing because she was failing to put on weight had implemented around 60 recommendations to improve the way they handle child care cases.

Keidey weighed just under 8.5kg, (19lbs), putting her in the lightest 0.4 per cent of youngsters, just before she died. Expressing "sadness" at the death, John Polychronakis, chairman of Dudley Safeguarding Children Board, speaking on behalf of both authorities, said: "An independent review has been carried out which concluded this tragic death was not predictable or preventable."

"The report does, however, highlight a number of areas of learning and identifies a number of recommendations, many of which have already been implemented."

over concerns she was failing to thrive, was launched just two days before her death.

An expert investigating the case said court action should have been taken considerably earlier. The cause of the girl's death may never be known after a coroner recorded an open verdict, but said it was probably due to the cold conditions she was left to lie in.

Keidey's single mother, 22-year-old Elizabeth Duffell, had been watching a DVD in the next bedroom when her daughter died.

### Paramedics

She had been left in the cot but, when paramedics arrived at the house at 3pm on December 3, 2011, the child was lifeless on the floor. Miss Duffell, now of Newhall Road, Rowley Regis, told the inquest her lifestyle was chaotic when moving house.

"I didn't know if I was coming or going," she added. Miss Duffell said the child's father, Martin Earp, had given her no help in bringing her up.

Sandwell social services had been monitoring the girl since April 2011, when she had been living with her grandmother. But Keidey and her mother moved to Tansey Green Road, Pensnett, and discussions began about handing the case over to Dudley Council.

Consultant Alan Ferguson, who was commissioned to carry out an inquiry, said Dudley refused to accept responsibility unless "stable child protection plans" were in place. Her case stayed with Sandwell Council. Mr Ferguson said: "There was dissent between the two councils."

## Artists giving town the blues



Promoter Gary Child, front, with the Trembletones outside blues festival venue Stourton Park, the home of Stourbridge Rugby Club

MUSICIANS are tuning up for Stourbridge's first-ever blues festival later this month. The event will feature 11 acts and be spread over 12 hours at Stourbridge Rugby Club's Stourton Park on May 18.

Organiser Gary Child, who came up with the idea after being challenged by a friend, said out of 300 tickets available, 197 had already been sold. He said: "Tickets are sell-

ing very well - Stourbridge has a good music scene and I think this is something many people have been waiting for."

"We are going to have a 12-hour event showcasing a range of good, local blues bands from start to finish."

Tickets are £10 and available at [stourbridgebluesfestival.co.uk](http://stourbridgebluesfestival.co.uk) or at Stourton Park on Bridgnorth Road.

# Theatre group to wait for findings

COUNCILLORS have expected a crucial report analysing the future of Dudley Hippodrome - but they are keeping campaigners on tenterhooks before revealing its findings.

Members of the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome group submitted their own business plan to council officers on how they could raise funds to reopen the theatre. It also detailed how the entertainment venue would earn cash including income raised by hosting top touring shows from the West End.

But the document has been scrutinised by independent assessors at Herefordshire consultants Artservice since January.

They were looking into whether the plan was financially viable allowing the campaigners to take over the Castle Hill theatre.

Dudley Council wants to bulldoze the site.

Council deputy leader Councillor Shaikat Ali said: "We have received the report and are currently discussing the findings. We will of course also be meeting with the friends group."

Friends group chairman Geoff Fitzpatrick urged the council to reveal the findings as soon as possible.

# Run aims to boost health

YOUNGSTERS have the chance to take part in a fun run event later this month to promote healthy living and keeping fit.

Pupils aged between five and 12 will run through Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Park on May 25. The Schools' Fun Run has been organised to also get families interested in running.

Separate runs will take place for those aged between five and eight, nine and 10 and 11 and 12, and are open to all, regardless of ability. Parents can reserve their child's place at [www.elm-field.com](http://www.elm-field.com).

# Cold food rescue

A COLD storage specialist came to the rescue of a Dudley secondary school which faced losing frozen food worth around £2,000. Work on The Kingswinford School's electrics meant freezers were turned off so logistics and cold storage group ACS&T came to the rescue and stored the food.

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## Fears on shortage of medics

AMBULANCE bosses have raised concerns about a shortage of paramedics in the wake of increasing demand on the service.

Crews were called out to just over 12,000 incidents in the Black Country during March, with 15,340 in Staffordshire and just over 14,000 in the West Mercia region.

Across the West Midlands, the 76,958 incidents were 5.1 per cent more than the service had expected.

Barry Thurston, West Midlands Ambulance director of service quality, said various pressures from outside the service had left it short of numbers.

He said: "There just aren't enough hours in the system for the activity we have. At the moment, if we push in one place, it bulges somewhere else. We're just desperate for more bums on seats."

Mr Thurston's comments came following a presentation by Nathan Hudson, general manager of the Birmingham division of the ambulance service, who told of the pressures faced by his colleagues.

He said staff were working too much overtime and missing some of their training.

## Inquest on woman, 40

A WOMAN with a history of solvent abuse set fire to herself while sniffing hair-spray, suffering 90 per cent burns, an inquest heard.

Sharon Hill, 40, was rushed to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital on April 17 but suffered a cardiorespiratory arrest due to her injuries and died.

The inquest on Miss Hill's death was opened and adjourned at Smethwick Coroners Court. Black Country coroner Mr Robin Balmain said Miss Hill, of Rutland Place, Wollaston, had a history of solvent abuse.

## Water repairs

A ROAD in Rowley Regis will be closed for a week for emergency repair work to a foul water connection. It will affect part of Queens Drive.

The work is due to take place between April 29 to May 5. Traffic will be diverted via Buckingham Road, Throne Road and vice versa. Bollards at the junction of Queens Road/Buckingham Road will be removed.

# School gets £500,000 for major revamp



Bronwyn Hedley - delight

AN ACADEMY in Kingswinford has scooped more than £500,000 to help it transform ageing classrooms and create extra teaching space.

Work will start this summer on the project at The Kingswinford School thanks to the grant from the Education Funding Agency.

A new food technology cookery classroom will be installed along with a hi-tech science laboratory and modern new drama studio.

Headteacher Bronwyn Hedley said the staff and governors were "absolutely delighted" to receive the

cash and were raring to get the transformation under way.

"This is a historic moment for the school and we cannot wait to see work start," she said.

"These projects will update and enhance the learning environment of our students and will benefit their education and lives for many years to come."

In total, £562,000 was received from the agency after school business manager Gill White submitted an application around four months ago. The school, in Water Street,

achieved converter academy status last year, which means it draws its money from central government rather than a sponsor or local education authority.

A new science lab will be created by converting the present food technology classroom.

Staff have already started dreaming up ideas for the equipment they would like to see and are also gathering views from the pupils.

Food technology will be moved to incorporate it with the design and technology block. The new drama

studio will have the latest lighting technology and other modern features to allow the students to learn the latest theatre techniques and performance skills.

Pupils studying textiles will benefit from a completely refurbished classroom.

Meanwhile, outside the main school buildings, three new classrooms will be built in a single-storey block for English lessons, with IT equipment fitted.

The school hopes the work will be completed by March next year.

# Academy delighted at £1.6m windfall for new sports hall

AN academy in Dudley has won £1.6 million to help transform its grounds and create a modern sports hall.

Preparatory work will start within a fortnight on the project at Holly Hall Academy thanks to cash from a government funding scheme. However, plans to build an outdoor all-weather pitch have been put on hold in the meantime after staff failed to secure the additional cash needed.

But Principal Graham Lloyd, who has been at the school 12 years, said staff were still celebrating the news.

"Everyone connected with the academy is thrilled by our success," he said.

"This development is something I have been trying to achieve since I came to Holly Hall."

The sports hall will contain space for four badminton courts and a full-size basketball court. Space for netball and handball courts will also be created inside.

A new fitness suite packed with gym equipment is also going to be installed alongside changing rooms. Staff hope to use the gym area in lessons teaching children about healthy living and keeping fit.

Part of the money is also going towards creating a modern dance studio with a sprung floor.

The grant came from the Academies Capital Maintenance Fund Application.

Contractors are expected

by Andrew Turton

on site on May 7 to being early work at the academy, off Scotts Green Close, Holly Hall. Mr Lloyd said they hope the new building will be open by the start of the spring next year.

He added staff were raring to use the new facilities as many of the old buildings were in need of repair.

Staff say the existing sports hall and changing rooms suffered severe water damage in recent years, forcing around £30,000 of running repairs.

"We have a tradition of sporting excellence and I have a team of dedicated PE staff who have worked very hard over many years with sub-standard facilities," he said.

Plans for the all-weather pitch near the sports hall won approval from Dudley Council late last year. But the funding application for around £500,000 failed to be approved by government officials.



Lead nurse Lynn Thompson with bank mortgage consultant Josh Watchorn, fundraiser Karen Phillips and bank manager Kulvinder Kullar

## Boost for families' room at hospital

A HOSPITAL waiting room used by families of patients is being given a much-needed £3,000 facelift after staff received donations towards the improvement scheme.

New carpets have been laid, walls painted and furniture installed in the Relatives Room at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

Staff members have long wanted to improve the room.

An appeal for donations was recently launched and £3,000 has been raised for the improvements to take place.

The scheme was given a major boost after receiving £1,000 from the Yorkshire Bank.

Staff hope to install facilities for making hot drinks once the work is completed.

Hospital fundraising co-ordinator Karen Phillips said it was used by families awaiting news of their loved ones.

She said: "We are so pleased this work has been carried out and want to thank everyone who has donated to the scheme."

## Penguin party for Pingu

THERE were celebrations at Dudley Zoo to mark the birthday of the attraction's oldest Humboldt penguin.

The penguin, named Pingu, turned 22 last week and to mark the occasion received a fishy breakfast. Zoo keepers delivered birthday cards from people who had adopted the penguin. Pingu, named after the cheeky penguin in the Bafta award-winning animation TV series, was among five endangered Humboldt penguins which started the zoo's hugely successful breeding programme back in the 1991.

## NEWS in brief

### Leisure benefits for Armed Forces

SERVING servicemen and women will be given discounted entry to Dudley borough leisure centres in a project that is the first of its kind in the country.

Dudley Council is offering Armed Forces personnel and their loved ones half-price admission to leisure and recreation facilities. Due to its pioneering work, the borough was chosen to launch Labour's Fighting Fitter campaign.

Shadow Defence Secretary Jim Murphy visited the town's leisure centre in Wellington Road, last week to meet borough Armed Forces Champion, Councillor Dave Tyler.

### Charity holding baby clothes sale

A CHARITY is selling off hundreds of items of baby clothing at discounted prices.

The NCT parenting charity hosts the Nearly New Sale and Baby Fair on May 18 at Thorns Leisure Centre, Stockwell Avenue, Quarry Bank, from 11am to 1pm.

Members of the NCT's Halesowen and Stourbridge branch have organised the sale. Organiser Rebecca Crichton said: "Parents can buy a wide variety of goods."

### Ballroom dance classes at centre

A COMMUNITY centre in Brierley Hill is staging classes in ballroom and Latin American dancing.

Lessons will be held at Nine Locks Community Centre in Hill Street every Monday from 2-4pm.

Admission is £3. The lessons are being organised by Nine Locks Community Association.

For further details, call group chairman Irene Korvin on 01384 822603.

### Summer concert at church venue

BRIERLEY Hill Choral Society will host a summer concert on May 11 at St Michael's Church, Brierley Hill from 7.30pm. They will be joined by the Queen's Park Sinfonia orchestra.

Tickets are £10 on the door or available on 01384 830661 or 01384 390019.

### Meeting dates

NORTON Greet tenants association will hold its general public meeting on May 13 at Gig Mill School, The Broadway, Stourbridge, at 7pm. Chapel Street and Parkes Street will hold their AGMs on May 14.

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RESEARCHERS in America claim there's more to a sneeze than we imagine. An outgoing person delivers a big, noisy sneeze while a shy person holds it in, producing a stifled squeak. In this way, say the scientists, a sneeze reveals your true character. Or should that be your true catarrh?

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IT WAS good viewing but let's not pretend that Broadchurch (ITV) was cleverer than it actually was. Its creator, Chris Chibnall, now reveals a trail of "little clues," including the slug that Ellie found on her carpet and squashed in the final episode. This was apparently a metaphor for an intruder in the house. Oh, really? This must be the first slug in history to go over everybody's head. As for the scene where cops allowed the murdered boy's father to the door of the police cell so that he could harangue the killer, it was plain daft.

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IN AN appeal to our sense of Englishness, that portly, true-blue Tory Eric Pickles promises to restore ye ancient county names such as Westmorland, Cumberland and Huntingdonshire. The Local Government Minister thunders: "Administrative restructuring by previous governments has sought to suppress and undermine such local identities." You can almost hear the tankards clinking in Conservative clubs all over the land. All hail the old county names. God rot those who suppressed and undermined our heritage. And who were these subversive Trotskyites of yore who swept away our precious old counties? It was Ted Heath's Conservative government.

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USEFUL terms for our time. "Safari round" - frantic search by doctors for patients lost in hospitals, as revealed this week by the Royal College of Nursing.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Reserve walkers called to shop trolley dumpers

AROUND 20 shopping trolleys have been dumped at a Dudley beauty spot, prompting anger from councillors, who branded fly-tippers as people who should be shopped.

The trolleys were strewn around Saltwells Nature Reserve, near Netherton and Quarry Bank. Councillors have appealed to everyone using it to report any fly-tipping.

Supermarkets across the area have revealed problems previously with trolleys being taken from stores.

Ward Councillor Bryan Cotterill said park wardens had collected the latest haul of 20 trolleys from around the 247-acre reserve within the past fortnight.

He said it was wasting time and money for the council.

"There should be a lot more respect for the countryside in this area from certain people," he said.

"They are being very irresponsible to just keep dumping trolleys."

He said people should take more pride in their area after also spotting trolleys wedged on the embankments off Pedmore Road.

Councillor Cotterill urged people to back the council's campaign Love Your Community that encourages people to report fly-tipping, graffiti and dog fouling.

Dudley Council's environment boss, Councillor Tracy Wood, said: "The people who dump these trolleys have no care or respect for their communities or environment."

## Police take to streets in crime fight

POLICE officers blitzed more than 80 streets to warn residents about leaving valuables on show in their unsecured cars.

During the two-days of activity in Stourbridge, police found 74 vehicles unlocked with 17 items such as laptops, tools, DVD screens, iPods and sat-navs on display in full view of potential thieves.

A further 11 secure vehicles also had valuables on view in the Oldswinford and Old Quarter areas.

Pc Ryan Gardener said: "I think it is important to remember that whilst we have seen a slight increase in vehicle crime, total crime across the borough is at an all time low, with 1,242 fewer victims of crime compared to last year."



Nature warden Stephen Rowland with councillors Bryan Cotterill and Tracy Wood

## Gym team have target of £45,000

CAMPAIGNERS want to open a £45,000 outdoor gym in a Dudley Park, aimed at tackling obesity.

The Friends and Residents of Buffery Park is raising money for 12 pieces of equipment which it is hoped will be installed this summer.

Secretary Lynn Horton said: "We hope it could help with obesity, which can be a problem in this area."

"A lot of people want to get fit and go to the gym but it's very expensive. Especially when a lot of people here are out of work."

Chairman Steve Briscoe said: "They have been very successful in the neighbourhoods where they've been used at fighting obesity."

Ward councillor Shaikat Ali said: "We've been able to bring about a lot of improvement in the park and it is well-used."

The group has already been successful in getting a number of grants towards the £45,142 price tag with Mr Briscoe saying about £30,000 had been raised.

## Flood project up for award

A PROJECT to prevent sewer flooding in Dudley has been nominated for an engineering award.

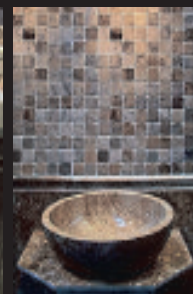
The Hinsford Close project involved Severn Trent Water, Enterprise Management Services, GHA Livigunn and Carlow Precast Concrete Engineering. The final of the Institution of Civil Engineers West Midlands 2013 Awards was due to take place on May 2.

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## Anger over temporary wall repair

A RESIDENT has attacked Dudley Council for going ahead with a temporary fix to partly reopen a road after a landslide – instead of pressing ahead with a full repair.

The council said it has been unable to find out who owns the wall that collapsed.

It decided to carry out a £10,000 temporary shore-up so that Red Hill could reopen in just one direction.

Mr Major Robins, aged 66, of The Heathlands, off Red Hill, complained at a meeting of Norton, Pedmore, Stourbridge East, Wollaston and Stourbridge Town Community Forum.

"It's a council responsibility to restore the road to its full access," he said. "Having restored it at the council's expense they could then pass on the cost to the official owners when found."

Assistant director of planning Sue Holmyard said it was believed the bank, which collapsed on to Red Hill from the end of gardens in Margaret Drive on Christmas Eve, had many different ownerships and inquiries to establish the legal situation continued.

Pedmore and Stourbridge East Councillor Les Jones said: "We can't just spend money and then say we may be able to get it back."

## Society war talk

MEMBERS of Stourbridge Historical Society will be welcoming John Bourne, an expert on the First World War. He will talk about the effect of the war on his home town of Burslem, Stoke on Trent, on May 16 at 7.30pm at Stourbridge Town Hall.

# Triumphant team dedicates cup win to tragic manager



With the cup are Darren Owen's sons Joe and Luke with the team, manager Pete Thompson and coach Simon Westwood

A YOUTH football team in Stourbridge dedicates its cup success to its late manager, who died in a freak accident midway through the season.

Father-of-two Darren Owen died aged 36 after a fall while collecting Christmas decorations from the loft of his home in Dudley in December. He had managed Stourbridge Football Club Under-11s, which has now scooped silverware in the league cup.

The side, which includes his 10-year-old son Luke, won the Stourbridge and District Youth League Under-11s competition, beating Kewford Eagles South 2-0.

At the game at The Dell Stadium a week ago last Sunday, Darren's widow Becky handed out the winning medals to the side while his other son Joe, eight, was a ball boy.

Last Wednesday, following a league game against Halesowen Town at King Edward VI playing fields, the team met up again with Mrs Owen again for photographs to be taken.

Coach Simon Westwood said: "Darren's death was a massive shock to everyone involved at the club."

"It affected us all, but after the two weeks off the players came back determined to give their best and achieve something in memory of Dad."

"The league asking Becky to award the winning medals at the game only spurred the team on and it was a great moment when we lifted the cup."

Former assistant manager



Darren Owen – lovely man

Peter Thompson has since taken over Mr Owen as manager of the side.

The team is fifth in the league's top division, but has games in hand and could still come top.

At last week's game, which the team won 3-0, the players turned out in specially-made polo shirts with Mr Owen's name on them.

Mr Westwood, 39, from Brierley Hill, said: "He was a brilliant person, a hard-working man, but most of all a lovely man – it still makes me sick to think he has gone. "The success of the side was down to him. It was him who laid down the foundation, me and Peter have only followed his lead."

## NEWS in brief

### Artists to show work at centre

ARTISTS and craftspeople based at the Ruskin Glass Centre, Stourbridge, will be opening their doors to the public. The Open Studios event on May 18 and 19 will coincide with Craft and Design Month. Artists will display a wide range of creations from textiles to glass crafts to jewellery.

Centre manager Leigh White said: "There is so much talent in the Stourbridge area, and it will be great to see the public getting involved and being able for the first time to meet and talk to individual artists in their own studios."

### Homes plan for former pub site

A FORMER pub in Lye could be demolished and replaced with six homes. The Balldale Lane Tavern, Balldale Lane, was shut three years ago by Marston's.

Now, owner Meadowdale Homes has submitted a planning application to demolish it and build six two-bedroom houses. Simon Hanson, vice-chairman of the Campaign for Real Ale's Stourbridge branch, said he was disappointed, adding: "Any pub closing in the area is sad news."

### Fair at church

THERE will be a spring fair at St Andrew's Church, Bilston Street, Sedgley, on Saturday, May 11 from 10am to noon. Stalls will include clothes, books, plants and bric-a-brac. Refreshments will be available. Proceeds will go to church funds.

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## NEWS FEATURE

## IN MY VIEW

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SO IT looks like the infamous hate preacher Abu Qatada will be with us for the foreseeable, following the Government's latest failed bid to deport him on terror charges.

While judges at the Court of Appeal have said the deportation of Qatada, described as Osama Bin Laden's right-hand man in Europe, was long overdue, they also ruled that the danger he posed to the public was not 'a relevant consideration' under human rights laws.

Of course it's not.

However, I feel I might have an answer. Anti-social behaviour orders have come under quite a bit of flak lately, generally dismissed as a soft option for young hooligans who wear them as a badge of honour.

However, their credibility would be restored once and for all if they could protect us from this old reprobate.

No doubt most of you would agree that Mr Qatada is generally a pretty anti-social individual, involved in a wide variety of pretty anti-social behaviour traits. You know, blinking, breathing, giving motivational talks to suicide bombers, that sort of thing.

So why not make him subject to an anti-social behaviour order prohibiting him from doing any of these things. Every time he breathes or blinks, it's five years in the slammer.

No doubt the beaks will let him off, fall for the usual sob stories about him falling in with a bad crowd - let's face it, bad crowds don't come much worse than al Qaeda - and being determined to make a fresh start. But it's got to be worth a try.

IT SEEMS winning a £3 million share of a lottery syndicate has not brought much happiness to former bus driver John Noakes.

Indeed John says life has been so tough for him and his family he is now planning to leave the UK, and begin a new life in, er, Cyprus.

Are you sure you've thought this one through, John?

NOT so long ago, the global-warming fans were warning that unless we all ditched our patio heaters and cycled to work at the lentil processing plant, then we would all be burned to a crisp during the sizzling summers, or drown as the UK became submerged Twenty-Thousand Leagues Under The Sea.

Now they tell us we will experience a little more turbulence as we jet off on holiday in search of the sun.

It's progress of sorts, I guess.

DOCTOR: "I'm afraid Aynuk, you are suffering from infertility." Aynuk: "Is that hereditary?"



Feeding time - Cameron Taylor and Jodie Scott with the giraffes



Plastered - Megan Luckins and Mariam Ajalb are nurses for the day



Tucking in - Alexandra Thomas and Laura Liptrot eating cream cakes



Roll of honour - Ben Thompson gets ready to dive into the mountain

# A man who makes dreams come true

Steve Ford works tirelessly to help fulfil the wishes of sick youngsters, as **SHARON MARISS** finds out

**FROM eating cream cakes on a speedboat to diving into a mountain of toilet rolls - no dream is too big for charity volunteer Steve Ford who has made hundreds of children's wishes come true.**

The 54-year-old works tirelessly to give youngsters, who have spent time in hospital, a day they will always remember.

Mr Ford has been running Wishing Well at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital for more than 20 years.

And he has now reached a major milestone after the 500th wish was granted as 15-year-old Emma Belfort got the chance to have a driving lesson.

Over the years, Mr Ford has granted a wide range of wishes, including Ben Thompson, who wanted to jump through a huge pile of toilet rolls and friends Alexandra Thomas and Laura Liptrot who ate cream cakes while zooming along on a speedboat.

## Surprise

Children have met celebrities including golfer Justin Rose and singers Cliff Richard and Jason Donovan; ridden in helicopters and Ferraris and got close to their favourite animals at Dudley Zoo.

A particularly memorable wish for Mr Ford was when a boy asked to visit the Concorde cockpit.

After three unsuccessful attempts, his wish was hanging in the balance.

But then to their surprise it was fourth time lucky as the lad and his brother were instead taken for a flight on the famous plane.

Mr Ford visits the children's ward at the hospital twice weekly to give forms to the children asking if they would like a



Driving dreams . . . Emma Belfort with, left, Steve Ford and, right, Safe4Life's Ian Haycock and Glenn McKenzie

special wish granted. They are aimed at children aged seven or over but he says any wish is considered.

Mr Ford, of Ash Crescent in Kingswinford, said: "If I can set up something the children want then I will.

"I just make a few calls. Sometimes I have to search for people a bit but, once I find them they're so helpful. I think they actually enjoy it too."

Medical hardships are things that Mr Ford knows a lot about.

Suffering from psoriasis and arthritis since childhood, he was forced to medically retire from his work at the Post

Office, aged 21. He began driving a van but had to stop that when he needed hip replacements as a 32-year-old.

Volunteering at the hospital radio in 1983, however, brought him in touch with hospital staff and six years later he launched his charity.

## Spin

"For a youngster in hospital away from their family and friends it can be a bit traumatic. I'm just trying to help," he said.

For teenager Emma who was the recipient of the 500th wish, taking a spin

in a car was a memorable experience. The Redhill School pupil had wished for the driving lesson with Safe4Life after spending three days in A&E in February after a routine eye test discovered a condition called benign intracranial pressure on her brain.

Her mother Karen, aged 49, of Hadcross Grange, Stourbridge, said: "She was so excited about having her wish granted and was really looking forward to it. Afterwards she even wanted to drive my car. We're so thankful to Steve and to Safe4Life."

## THROUGH THE YEARS

## 1983...

A BUSHBURY man celebrated a betting coup after winning £13,308 from a 10p stake. Steve Bonser was cheering on Wolves at Molineux when he found out the six horses he picked for the ITV Six bet had all won.

RAIN, rain and more rain led to a Bank Holiday weekend washout. The region suffered 4.7 inches of rain over the three-day holiday, which followed the third wettest April since records began in 1887.

A TOTAL of 25,000 walkers put their best feet forward to raise more than £200,000 for people with mental health issues. Organisers of the BRMB Walkathon were amazed at the result, which enabled Mencap to provide a home for adults in Birmingham.

## 1993...

A WOLVERHAMPTON teenager ran into a growing problem in his ambition to become a mounted police officer - his size 12 feet. Paul Swallow, aged 13, from Compton could not find riding boots to fit his long but narrow feet.

THERE was massive disruption on the Severn Valley Railway at Kidderminster after a Second World War grenade was found on the track. Army bomb disposal experts blew up the device in a controlled explosion causing the railway to close for five hours.

FORMER chef Christopher Bloor became the first man to qualify as a midwife in Staffordshire. Mr Bloor, aged 26, became one of less than 100 male midwives in Britain after passing an 18-month course at the North Staffordshire College of Nursing and Midwifery.

## 2003...

BLACK Country twitchers were urged to stake out their back gardens to count house sparrows as part of a nationwide survey looking at the species' dramatic decline. The count was organised by the RSPB, who said bird numbers had halved in the preceding 25 years.

ROBOTS made at a Black Country factory proved a hit with movie makers after they were snapped up to star in a string of Hollywood blockbuster. Kuka Welding Systems and Robots in Halesowen supplied two robots for Tomb Raider 2 and 15 machines for the Thunderbirds movie.

BRAVE punters at a Sedgley pub swallowed lemons, chillies and garlic before snogging a fresh cod in a charity endurance challenge. The tasks were lined up for drinkers at The Swan Inn to raise money for Acorns children's hospice in Walsall.

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## Do not try to fix Easter

THIS is in answer to the question about why Easter should be fixed. The origins of Easter go back to the second century fixed by the first council of Nicaea.

The date is fixed by the first Sunday after the first full moon following the March Equinox.

Therefore, Easter Sunday can fall between March 22 and April 25. Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover, the last supper was the feast of the Passover. Easter is the main Christian Holy festival.

Many now have the Monday after Easter off as holiday, not the Friday, which is the

Holy day (holiday) being the day Christ was crucified.

The government has nothing to do with or gives help to any Christian church, financially or otherwise, so why should they dictate when our Holy days should be.

They do not interfere with any other religions in this country so why should they interfere with the Christian.

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**NORMAN D CADDICK**  
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## Watch out cat killers are about

I WOULD like to bring to the public's attention the problem of missing cats in the Highfield area of Colley Gate. Over the last few months three to four cats have gone missing.

I have lost nine cats over four years. Some have been rescue cats but all have been microchipped and spayed, but they have still disappeared. They don't come back injured, sick or with gun pellets in them.

So I can only assume that they have been taken or killed by some means.

Be vigilant and phone the Cats Protection League or the RSPCA if you see a cat in distress.

**MISS LEIGH GREENWAY**  
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## Health thank you

I WISH to express my thanks to the paramedics and emergency services for their prompt and efficient action when I was taken ill recently. I would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff in Ward C1 at Russells Hall Hospital for all the kindness and consideration shown to me during my stay there. My treatment and the food was exemplary. I could not have received better treatment anywhere.

**JOYCE WOOLDRIDGE**  
Kingswinford

## Is this double tax?

REGARDING the "bedroom tax", people living in three or four bedroom-houses are already banded higher and pay more tax than those occupying smaller houses - so are they being taxed twice? Is this legal?

**M MARTIN**  
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## LETTERS to the Editor

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## My label is British – 100pc

OUR Prime Minister has stereotyped the whole nation by saying: "We are all Thatcherites now."

Obviously, Mr Cameron has forgotten it was members of Lady Thatcher's cabinet that forced the lady to resign. Are these backstabbers still Thatcherites?

Some have forgot that among Lady Thatcher's many misdemeanours was she signed Britain up to the Single European Act, which later on turned into the European Union.

The question is will Mr Cameron undo all the damage Lady Thatcher done to us by joining the EU in the first place and allow us to leave the EU when the Great British electorate finally gets a vote to leave and thus condemning Mr Cameron to go down in history as the greatest anti-Thatcherite in history?

I am no Thatcherite or a European, I am 100 percent British.

**GORDON EDWARD**  
FANTHOM  
Hinksford Gardens  
Swindon

## Boston bombs show why we need CCTV

AMERICAN FBI, Boston police and the Swat and other law enforcement authorities have to be congratulated as to how fast they caught the two alleged terrorists following the marathon bombs.

But they wouldn't have done this without the CCTV cameras around the area.

These cameras have to be the best aids for the police authorities, yet in this country, around areas of Birmingham, they have had to take them down because of protests from the communities.

One has to ask why?

This situation in Boston should bring debate in this country with regard to installing more of these cameras in order to assist the police in quickly solving crime.

The critics will obviously say: "Big brother is watching you", but my thoughts are if you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to be frightened of.

I hope MPs are reading this letter and put pressure on the Coalition government to debate it in Parliament.

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## NEWS

# Expansion at brewery complete by summer

A £200,000 scheme to build a three-storey extension at Black Country brewery Holden's has been further delayed, with work now not set for completion until July or August.

Work at the brewery in Woodsetton started last October, paving the way for an increase in production from 50,000 pints to 75,000 pints a week.

The project was due to be finished last December, but this was put back until the end of March after the plans were changed from a two-storey to a three-storey development.

Now the completion date has been delayed a second time.

### Repairs

Lucie Holden – who runs the business with her brother Jonathan and sister Abi – said work was continuing.

"It has taken a little longer than we originally planned," she said.

"Our team working on the project have to carry our repairs and maintenance at other sites as well and this has helped things up."

"We are now expecting the project to be finished by July

by Lee Watton

or August. This is still acceptable within the timescales set out."

New storage tanks are being created as part of the work, including one which will hold 70,000 pints, and alongside this will be two fermenting vessels.

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## Meow-sic to the ears



Andy Browne, of Stoford Retail, with Peaches, and clinic director Bonnie Leibowitch, with Sophie, and front, nurses Sophie Williamson, left, with Ozzy and Gemma Ward, with Millie

A NEW veterinary surgery in Dudley has adopted a novel method of keeping dogs and cats calm before operations – by playing them relaxing music.

White Cross Vets in Regent Road, Tividale plays selected music in separate dog and cat wards to create a calming atmosphere. Tim Harrison, managing director of the family-run veterinary group, said the concept was widely used in North America. The practice is a £250,000 investment by the Yorkshire veterinary group.

It has been developed by property specialists Stoford Retail which has led a major regeneration of the site. The practice is run by experienced local vet Bonnie Leibowitch. She said: "We have been caring for pets for over 75 years and we are delighted that Tividale will be our third practice in the West Midlands."

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## NEWS

# Scrap metal gang acted with 'military precision'

**THESE are the faces of three members of a gang behind an £81,000 metal raid in Kingswinford.**

A judge said the gang had struck with "military precision" and the defence said members behaved with "insouciance".

The thieves stole 112 tons of steel from Midland Steel Sections on the Gibbons Industrial Estate, after targeting the site soon after it closed for the weekend.

Two stolen trucks, weighing 32 and 26 tons each, were employed to make five trips loaded with the stolen steel during the weekend of March 26 and 27, 2011, the court heard.

Around 63 tons of the haul, valued at £34,000, was delivered to the Oldbury Metal Recycling plant run by Lee Stanley in Parsonage Street, Oldbury, where it was discovered hidden under scrap metal by police after a tip-off a couple of days after the raid. He had paid £12,000 for it, the court was told.

## Confident

A further 47 tons of the stolen steel worth £34,000 was found in Manchester and traced back to EMR, Wolverhampton, which had bought it from Jarvis Metals, a scrap yard run by Joe Jarvis and his family in Ennerdale Road, Shrewsbury, where it had been dropped off by the gang. He admitted making £1,000 profit when he sold it four days later.

Mr Gareth Morley, defending, said: "They must have been pretty confident that they were not going to be disturbed. They behaved with insouciance, coming and going as they pleased over a 36-hour period."

Paul Hawkins, aged 41 from Fell Meadow Way, Sedgley, who was the "go between" for the gang, was jailed for four years. Jamie Anslow, aged 31, of Newnham Bridge, Tenbury Wells, got



Lee Stanley, aged 38



Jamie Anslow, aged 31



Paul Hawkins, aged 41



Part of the stolen metal. The raid appeared to be an inside job, the court heard

30 months behind bars. Both were convicted of conspiracy to burgle by a jury after a trial. Nicholas Tawse, 45, from Newark, Notts, was imprisoned for 38 months after admitting the same offence.

Lee Stanley, 38, of Skidmore Road, Coseley who pleaded guilty to two charges of handling stolen goods was jailed for two years, while Joe Jarvis, 67, from Yockleton, Shrewsbury, received a two-year prison sentence suspended for two years with £1500 costs after being convicted by the jury of one offence of handling. Sonny

Smith, 44, from Newark, was given a 32-month jail term at an earlier hearing after admitting burglary.

Jonathan Bates, 24, from Beddows Avenue, Coseley, who was convicted by the jury of conspiracy to burgle, will be sentenced this month.

Judge Michael Dudley told those he dealt with last week: "This was a highly sophisticated and planned burglary carried out with military precision."

"It is crystal clear that an insider was involved but the only insider prosecuted was cleared by the jury."

## FORCES SUPPORT MAKES A LASTING IMPRESSION

Heres Jacqui's Story in her own words showing that local charity Forces Support really does make a lasting difference.

**We received this letter from Jacqui in December 2011:**

My name is Jacqui Janes, I'm the Mother of Gdsm Jamie Janes who died on route to hospital in Afghanistan on the 5th October 2009 and I live in Hove. Jamie was 20 yrs old, he isn't just my youngest son, he's my best friend. Since Jamie died, I haven't worked and I'm being treated for PTSD. When Jamie died, I changed the upstairs of my house because I tried to take my own life. Due to being on the sick I can't afford to re-do the downstairs, which Jamie decorated in the summer of 2009. I have a half finished kitchen i.e. tiles and work tops. Everything seems to be going wrong. To be honest I haven't wanted to change the downstairs because I don't want Jamie to think I'm forgetting him, I know I can't live like this anymore. Please help me.

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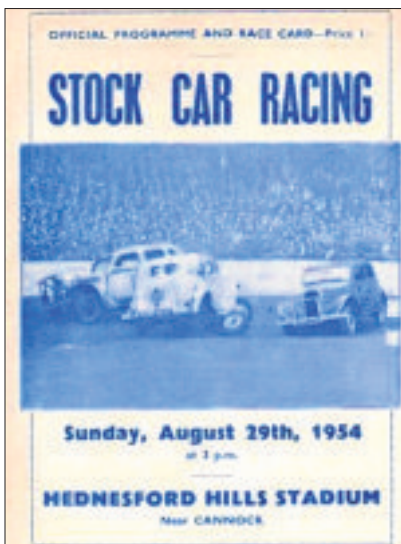
Crowds gather to watch the stock cars at the newly prepared track. Picture by Conrad Roe courtesy of David Kipling of www.oldstox.com



Crashes weren't unknown and were often the reason that crowds turned up. Picture by Conrad Roe courtesy of David Kipling of www.oldstox.com



Bulldozers prepare the bottom of what was Scott House Reservoir. Picture by Conrad Roe courtesy of David Kipling of www.oldstox.com



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## Six decades of thrills and spills at raceway

**THE smell of petrol and the sound of finely tuned engines have rung out at Hednesford Hills Raceway for 60 years.**

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New locations for tracks were always being sought and in 1952 Claude Roe decided to use the disused Scott House Reservoir as a racetrack.

The reservoir which had been empty of water for more than 40 years, was quickly pegged out and

*by Tom Mason*

stands erected around its outer edge. With racers flying around the shale track in modified saloon cars the racing would often get quite messy with crashes and spills.

During the next few years, as the track's popularity grew, Claude began to host other events there including live acts such as chart-topper Ruby Murray.

But its popularity began to decline as race fans went to better established tracks.

However it was at this point that legendary racer Bill Morris stepped in to give the track its second life. Left without a track following the closure of Tamworth raceway Bill could see the potential in Hednesford and approached the new owners Cannock Chase Council to

see if he could buy it. Building work at the track began in the winter of 1961 and was completed in the summer the following year. By June 16, the cars were lining up on the track for the first race as part of the F1 stock car series.

In the following year Bill introduced hot rod to the UK crowds which was based loosely on America's NASCAR series.

Highly modified versions of everyday saloon cars took to the newly re-surfaced track flying round at incredible speeds. This proved very popular and the track really took off.

Hednesford would continue to rise in popularity during the 60s and 70s and in later years Bill passed the reins over to his son Martin and Philip Bond who set up Incarace which runs the track today.



Early stands that only stood in certain section of the tracks. Picture by Conrad Roe courtesy of David Kipling of www.oldstox.com



The reservoir soon after it was discovered as an ideal track location. Conrad Roe courtesy of David Kipling of www.oldstox.com

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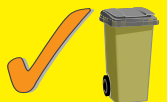
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## NEWS

# Protection is boosted for historic glass making site

A FORMER factory in the heart of the glass-making quarter in Stourbridge has been granted extra protection by heritage chiefs to prevent it from being demolished.

by Heather Large

They say Platts Glassworks has an important place in the Black Country's heritage.

Developers had hoped to bulldoze the buildings in Platts Road, Amblecote, last October.

But councillors voted in favour of granting a temporary order to halt demolition plans while an assessment of the buildings took place after being informed of the proposals.

The order has now been made permanent by cabinet member for regeneration Shaikat Ali.

It means any developers wanting to demolish the buildings will need to submit a full planning application to the council.

Councillor Ali said it would mean the real implications of the demolition could be assessed properly.

"It also allows the views of others to be taken into account before any formal

decisions are taken," he added.

But the order does not mean that the site can not be developed in the future.

Under previous rules, the council just needed to be notified if the buildings were going to be demolished.

They would only be able to make a comment on the way it was done to ensure public safety.

The 22-acre site was first used for glassmaking in 1704. Platts Glassworks was run by Joshua Henzey III and was specifically designed to produce bottles.

In 1836 it was sold to Thomas Webb and some of the buildings were rebuilt.

In the 1920s, acid etching was pioneered on the site by F Williams & Company.

They continued to be used for glassmaking until the late 1960s when some of the premises was demolished.

## Spray misty for me



Keeper Sam Grove sprays Trigger the rhinoceros iguana

TRIGGER the rhinoceros iguana cannot get enough of shower time at Dudley Zoo. When keepers mist his quarters in the Reptile House with water for humidity he makes sure he gets covered with the cool spray.

Section leader Pat Stevens said: "Trigger loves the spray and rises up so he gets covered all over - he even tries to grab the water bottle from our hands."

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# Runners pound the marathon for pounds

## Bar set for a Locke-in



Andy Page with his children Holly and Edward, who helped him raise cash for Starlight Children's Foundation, after he had completed the London Marathon

**RUNNERS** from across Dudley are celebrating after completing the London Marathon just days after the tragedy that rocked Boston.

Helen Small, aged 41 was one of them to complete the 26.2 miles, finishing in 4hrs 55 mins.

The special needs teacher from Wordsley had trained hard for the marathon, fitting her running practice in between her busy schedule as a fitness instructor and volunteer at Kewford Eagles Football club.

Lynn Boleyn, a charity trustee of the club, said "Kewford are very proud of Helen and we would like to congratulate her on finishing the marathon and raising much needed funds for two

very worthwhile causes." Helen has already raised more than £120 for NSPCC and Action Heart through the website [www.virginmoneygiving.com/HelenSmall](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/HelenSmall).

She said: "It was a fantastic experience and I was so excited to run the marathon. The support from the spectators was amazing, there wasn't a single gap in the crowd."

### Great

Andy Page a sales manager from Dudley, ditched his work suit for his running gear to complete in support of Starlight Children's Foundation, a charity that fulfils the wishes of seriously ill children.

The 42-year-old father of two, managed to finish in 4hrs 29mins. He

said: "It was a great day for me as it was my first marathon. The crowds and the atmosphere were brilliant."

He added that he did not have any worries prior to the marathon other than not finishing, despite the attacks in Boston carried out days before.

"Following the events of the week before I was more determined than ever to do it," he said.

Just days before heading of Andy's two young children Holly and Edward helped their dad raise money with a special non-uniform day at Russell Hall School, Overfield Road.

So far Andy has raised £921.20 towards his target of £1,300. To help him raise more visit [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Page](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Page) or call Starlight directly on 020 7262 2881.



Helen Small at the London Marathon finishing line

REALITY TV stars Dan Osbourne and James Locke, who found fame on ITV2's The Only Way is Essex, will meet fans and pose for photographs at a Kidderminster nightclub on Saturday.

They are the latest celebrities to appear at Carters Bar, Oxford Street, which has already seen Britain's Got Talent finalists Stavros Flatley and Geordie Shore's Gary Beadle, visit.

Owner Mark Carter said he was expecting a full house. "Last month we had Hollyoaks star Rob Norbury, who played Riley in the popular soap, and the event was a huge success," he said.

## Fresh talks over taxi colour rule

TAXI drivers will hold fresh talks with council officials in Dudley in a bid to end a dispute over colours of private hire vehicles in the borough. Around 100 taxis brought the town to a standstill as they staged a go-slow drive past Dudley Council House recently.

They were battling against Dudley Council's policy of only allowing white coloured private hire taxis to be used by firms in the borough.

The protest drew anger from some councillors who said the policy was in place to allow people to safely identify fully-licensed private taxis.

But members of Dudley Private Hire and Taxi Association argue that white cars are more expensive because of their popularity.

They say members have resorted to resprays on some car in order to comply costing hundreds of pounds more.

These costs are added to already high insurance premiums and fuel prices, group members claim. More

by Andrew Turton

than 1,000 people signed a petition rallying for a second colour.

The association has also argued that customers were used to seeing both white and silver private hire vehicles due to neighbouring boroughs having different colours.

However, they lost a vote of Dudley Council's taxi committee members last month and are now threatening legal action.

Taxi association chairman Shaz Saleem today said the group will talk again with the council to "find a suitable resolution"

Mr Saleem apologised for the disruption caused by the protest but said members wanted to get their views across.

## Car enthusiast's crash death ruled accidental

A PENSIONER died when his car crashed into a tree in foggy conditions near his home, an inquest heard.

Philip Luscott-Evans, aged 78, who was known by his middle name Maurice, died on January 10 after he lost control of his car on the A451 Stourbridge to Kidderminster road, opposite the Park Gate pub. It is believed the retired advertising consultant misjudged the junction, minutes from his home near Kidderminster, due to fog on the night.

The crash happened at around 12.40am as Mr Luscott-Evans, who lived in Hurcott Road, Hurcott, was driving his red Vauxhall Agila. The car collided with a tree off the carriageway and he was pronounced dead at the scene.

### Multiple

Pc Graham Powell, a collision investigator, said there were no defects in the road, while vehicle examiner Robert Beals said the car had no problems.

A toxicology report showed widower Mr Luscott-Evans had no alcohol or drugs in his system. A post-mortem by Dr Paul Geddy, confirmed he had suffered no medical emergencies before the collision.

Worcestershire Coroner Geraint Williams recorded a verdict of accidental death at an inquest in Stourport on Friday. He said the cause of death was multiple injuries.

Mr Luscott-Evans was vintage car enthusiast and had a Lea Francis and a Bean car.



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## NEWS

# Restaurant in old bank is the order of the day

A FORMER bank in Stourbridge has been transformed into a £250,000 restaurant serving up cuisine from around the world.

Council officials have given the go-ahead for an alcohol and music licence for the premises in Lye High Street paving the way for bosses to open the doors.

Ghulam Namdar, who is the boss of the venue called Rose, said it could welcome its first customers as soon as this week.

He said the building, formerly Barclays Bank's opposite Christ Church, has undergone a £250,000 revamp since it was purchased in 2010.

It will seat almost 150 diners and offer food from around the world - among which will be Indian, Chinese, Italian and Mexican.

It emerged during the meeting at Dudley Council House that the authority had received two objections to the restaurant over fears of antisocial behaviour and a planning issue.

Despite this the licence was granted.

A previous application for the former-bank to be turned

by Adam Thompson

into a pizzeria was condemned by residents concerned over parked cars clogging up the high street.

Chair of the committee Councillor Hilary Bills explained the decision, she said: "We did receive representations from two local residents who raised concerns of problems in the area which is nothing directly from the premises."

"The other was a planning issue but this is not an issue for this committee to decide on. Therefore the application is granted."

Mr Namdar said after the hearing: "I'm delighted by this outcome. I bought the building in 2010 for around £250,000 and I've spent another £250,000 carrying out work to it."

"The centre of Lye is a popular area for places to eat and I'm hoping to offer something different."

## Archer targets school



Paralympic archer Mel Clarke with nine-year-old Awaiss Agur, who is wearing her Olympic silver medal

A PARALYMPIC archer who won a medal at the London games aimed her sights on inspiring the next generation during a school talk. Silver medalist Mel Clarke, visited Jesson's CE Primary School, Dudley, to tell the children the story of her rise to medal glory.

Around 400 children were captivated by tales of how she used her own determination to overcome an illness following which she was told she would never be able to do archery again. Clarke, aged 31, from Norwich, contracted Lyme disease from an infected bite in 2003 which left her paralysed and partially blind.

The visit was as part of the school's participation in the Be the Best You Can Be campaign which is a national project which aims to use the achievements from the games to inspire children. Headteacher Lucy Griffiths said: "Children who successfully complete this programme will be awarded a medal from the Royal Mint."

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# Family call for crossing

**THE GRIEF-STRICKEN family of 53-year-old taxman Chris Clarke has called for a pedestrian crossing to be installed on the busy main road where he was killed.**

Mr Clarke had crossed Pedmore Road in Brerley Hill almost every day for the last 16 years as he walked more than a mile to work at HM Revenue & Customs at The Waterfront, next to the Merry Hill shopping centre.

But, last Friday he was hit by a car and suffered fatal head injuries, leaving his widow Dorretta, daughter Rebecca and son David heartbroken.

Mrs Clarke, aged 51, of Lantern Road, Dudley Wood, Netherton, said: "I often used to walk to work with him

because I'm a cleaner at Debenhams in Merry Hill I wasn't on the 7am shift on Friday so wasn't with him.

"There are hundreds of people who cross that road every day from the nearby housing estate but the only crossing is at the top of Merry Hill lights, at the Quarry Bank end.

## Lights

"There's no crossing at the bottom end where he had to go over the road, which is several hundred yards away from the top lights. There should be a crossing somewhere along there."

Mr Clarke was looking forward to the birth of his first grandchild - and to a day out with his daughter at Sandown Park races the day after he died. Rebecca Clarke, aged 28, of Reddall Hill Road, Cradley Heath, who

also worked with her dad as an HMRC officer, said: "He loved horse racing and a pint of beer at Ma Pardoe's in Netherton. He was really looking forward to going to Sandown with me - he'd written on his computer the time we had to set out and the postcode to get there."

Miss Clarke told how police, arrived at her home on Friday at 8.50am to give her the news of his death.

"I was just about to go into work when the police came. I went with them to tell mum what had happened," she added. It's a big shock - it's not like he'd been ill. He was very fit and did so much walking - you had to run to keep up with him."

Mr Clarke, who used to play bowls for Old Hill British Legion and The Woodman pub in Netherton.

# Officers round up horses seen loose on busy road

POLICE in Dudley had to round up three horses seen roaming free on a busy road.

The horses were first seen near to Russells Hall Hospital just after 6am on Monday before making their way along Pensnett High Street.

There were concerns the horses would cause havoc for motorists.

Reports were posted on social networking site Twitter to warn drivers of the animals as they made their way along the route at around 7am.

Police rounded up the horses and kept them on a patch of ground adjacent to homes along Pensnett High Street.

An officer remained at the scene to keep an eye on the horses. A horse bailiff was called to pick up the animals from the

ground, between the junctions of The Plantation and Corbys Hall Lane, and take them to somewhere safe.

The animals were not believed to have caused any significant traffic problems.

Horses roaming on roads around Dudley borough have been a problem for many years and the area around Russells Hall Hospital is a hotspot.

Recent figures revealed Dudley Council has spent around £150,000 rounding up the stray horses over the past two years.

Officials from Dudley Council say they are committed to tackling the problem and are working with the RSPCA and police.

Further talks are also being planned to discuss how to improve the welfare of strays seen grazing around the borough.

# Volunteers pampered

VOLUNTEERS at Age UK Dudley were treated to a spa day by a local hotel as a thank-you for their work.

The Copthorne Hotel's Le Club and Imagine Spa at Merry Hill put on the day as a reward to volunteers for their time and effort.

A total of 25 volunteers, working with Age UK's Springboard, Good Neighbour, Foot Care, administration, Daybreak and Leap Over 50 projects, took up the offer and were pampered.

René Evans, volunteer development manager from Age UK Dudley said: "All our wonderful volunteers really deserved this."

## Taxi firm wins first of awards



Dudley Mayor Councillor Melvin Mottram presents Amjad Hussain with the award

MORE than 300 nominations were received for a new award scheme honouring taxi firms in Dudley.

Residents gave their views on the cleanliness, helpfulness and reliability of different hackney carriage and private hire bases.

Castle Cars, based at Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, won the inaugural taxi base of the year award from Dudley Council.

The decision on the winner was taken by the council's taxis committee which selected Castle Cars after it received 66 nominations.

Taxi committee chairman, Councillor Richard Body, said the scheme aimed to "celebrate and highlight the quality of service provided by the borough's hackney carriage and private hire firms."

Castle Cars owner Amjad Hussain said he was delighted to receive the award and paid tribute to his staff and customers.

"We have to thank our customers who have supported our throughout the years and we also thank our drivers and staff for all their hard work and public service."

## Disruption vow as as £4m works start

A £4million project to replace 13 miles of ageing gas pipes in the Dudley borough is getting under way.

National Grid will be carrying out work in Kingswinford, Lye and Wollaston during the next 12 months.

Worn-out metal pipes are being replaced with new plastic ones in mostly residential streets.

Bosses have pledged to keep disruption to a minimum and said they would ensure streets and driveways remained accessible during the works.

An exact timescale for the programme of work has not yet been released by National Grid.

Bosses say that, once in the ground, the new pipes will last at least 80 years and will need little or no maintenance. During the next 12 months, National Grid will be renewing more than 200 miles of gas mains across the West Midlands at a cost of £60m.

## Music night for church

A NIGHT of choral music led by a male voice choir will be taking place at a church in Dudley.

The Gentlemen Songsters from Kingswinford, will perform at St Mark's Church, in Pensnett, on May 18, at 7.30pm.

The church, known affectionately as the Cathedral of the Black Country, will also feature Year 5 and 6 pupils from St Mark's CE Primary School choir.

Tickets cost £5 with light refreshments served at the interval.

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## NEWS

## Invite to data firm as figures disputed

COUNCIL bosses have invited officials who ranked Dudley top of the table for empty shops for a fact-finding visit after claiming the ratings are inaccurate.

They have written to the Local Data Company asking their statisticians to come and re-evaluate their findings.

The company said 32.4 per cent of shops were empty in Dudley town centre in its latest report – the highest number for similar sized towns in the country. But council leaders were dismayed, saying the rating was actually around 18 per cent, based on its own surveys.

They claim the firm, which analyses retail statistics using 'outdated boundaries and flawed methodology' to produce their reports.

Deputy council leader, Councillor Shaikat Ali, who is also the borough's regeneration chief, said: "We don't want to have one vacant unit in any of our towns and we are working hard to support existing businesses and to attract new ones into our towns."

"However, the inaccurate figures that make big headlines are not doing anyone any favours at all."

He added: "We hope they can come and work with our town centre officers to see what we are doing and to re-evaluate their boundaries and methodology in order to produce more accurate findings in the future."

The data company was unavailable for comment.

# Police given new powers on booze to combat problems

**POLICE have been granted new powers to seize alcohol and ban drinking in the streets around Quarry Bank to stamp out booze-fuelled crimes and anti-social behaviour.**

Residents and traders raised concerns with police about people drinking around the town centre and demanded rules be brought into curb boozing near shops and homes.

New laws have been ratified to bring in a Designated Public Places Order, which enforces the ban making on-street drinking illegal.

Councillors welcomed the move saying it was important to protect the image of Quarry Bank for visitors and shoppers.

### Consuming

Under the order, police officers and police community support officers can ask anyone believed to be consuming alcohol leading to anti-social behaviour to stop drinking and issue a £50 fixed-penalty notice.

Neighbourhood Sgt Duncan Rudge, of West Midlands Police, said the force had heeded concerns from residents wanting urgent action on the issue.

"Local businesses and residents have been telling us that they are unhappy with

by Andrew Turton

street drinking," he said.

"We have worked closely with Dudley Council to obtain this on-street drinking ban with overwhelming support from local businesses and public houses."

The idea was put out to public consultation in December and received overwhelming support with 82 of 84 responses backing the plan. There are already such zones in Halesowen, Stourbridge, Dudley, Sedgley, Coseley, Woodsetton and Upper Gornal.

Dudley Council's licensing committee chairman, Councillor Hilary Bills, added: "The council has received applications for alcohol bans for many different areas across the borough in recent years. The council takes these police applications very seriously."

## A new venue for forum

DUDLEY'S Forum of Older People will try a new venue for its next meeting. The event, on May 20 at 1.30pm, will be at Insight House, Pearson Street, Brierley Hill.

There will be a talk about the work of the Black Country Food Bank, new Quality of Life standards in Dudley and the Home Instead care agency. Membership is open to over 50s living in Dudley borough.



Clockwise from the front, Sinead Scott from West Bromwich Albion FC, Hannah Knowles from Goals Football Centre, Kerys Harrop from Birmingham City FC and Robyn Hingley from Lye Town at the Goals Football Centre in Rowley Regis

## Women who have set goals

WOMEN'S football could start up at a five-a-side centre after interest was kicked off by an England international footballer.

Birmingham and England defender Kerys Harrop is urging women in Sandwell to join a team when the women's league begins at Goals Dudley in Cakemore Road, Rowley Regis.

Harrop was joined at the centre by Sinead Scott from West Bromwich Albion and Robyn Hingley from Lye Town.

The visit was part of a move by Goals to bring in women's football at every one of its 42 centres across the country.

Hannah Knowles, spokeswoman for the Dudley centre, said: "We're putting the idea out there, seeing how much interest we can get and if there is enough we will start a league."

"Goals is a competitive sport which is a great way for people to get fit and meet new people."

The centre will hold an open day for women's football on May 20.

## NEWS in brief

### New meals being tried at hospital

PATIENT meals at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital are being revamped following complaints.

Staff have been trialling a new system aimed at providing improved choice and quality. Meals are brought in from outside and cooked on the wards under a programme called Steamplcity.

Patients have been asked for their views and their feedback will be used to make a final decision.

The 10 participants shared their experience.

### Lions calling for plant volunteers

LIONS clubs across the region have combined to offer plant-lovers the chance to place their orders for their blooms.

The Plant Sale Project is being run by Burntwood, Walsall and Kingswinford & Stourbridge branches.

They have combined to distribute 20,000 booklets on May 18 but need volunteers to help pick, check and pack orders. A website, [www.lionsplantsale.co.uk](http://www.lionsplantsale.co.uk) has been set up for customers. At least 80 volunteers are needed. Call John Wallage on 07968 297111 or email [john.wallage239@btinternet.com](mailto:john.wallage239@btinternet.com).

### Plans approved

CONTRVERSIAL plans to convert a Stourbridge school into an academy have been approved by governors despite protests from campaigners. Union members and teachers formed picket lines outside Redhill School, Junction Road. But now the school will be converted.

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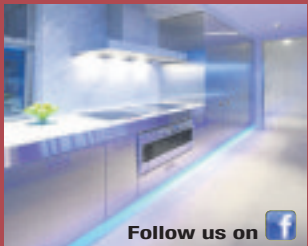
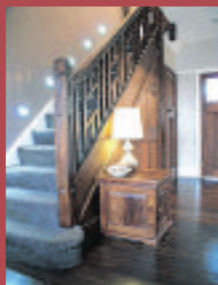
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## Engineering firm using languages to go worldwide

A HALESOWEN engineering company has launched new foreign language websites to help it win more work in the Far East, Russia and South America. The so-called BRIC countries – Brazil, Russia, India and China – are the world's fastest growing big economies and have become a big target for UK manufacturers looking to win export orders.

Thompson, which employs around 90 at its base in Hereford Rise, has launched web sites in Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish and French and there are plans to develop a Russian version later this year.

The company's sales director, Nick Edge, said: "Thompson recognises that potential customers are more likely to buy equipment if information is available in their own language. I'm confident these new websites will further enhance Thompson's visibility in key emerging markets like Brazil." The company makes machines that use the heat from friction to weld components.

## Forum for the mature

THE next meeting of the Forum of Older People in Dudley will take place on May 20.

New members are welcome to join the session at Insight House, Pearson Street, Brierley Hill which starts with refreshments at 1.30pm and the meeting will begin at 2pm.

Membership is open to anyone over 50 living in Dudley borough and visitors are always welcome.

Details are available by contacting Age UK Dudley on 01384 354 508.

# Trader with £100,000 assets claimed benefits

**AN INTERNET trader from Halesowen claimed more £26,000 in benefits despite having savings of £100,000 in the bank and an income from his online deals, a court heard.**

Anthony Glidewell received £26,138 in Jobseekers Allowance, council tax benefit, carers allowance and income support. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week his original application for Jobseekers Allowance in 2005 had been legitimate but later reclaims had not been.

He had traded in goods over ebay during the period – earning £9,747 in 2008, £18,885 in 2009, £19,865 in 2010 and £7,894 in 2011.

Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting, said investigations had also uncovered savings of £100,000 in a Birmingham Midlands account.

Glidewell, aged 46, of Bromsgrove Road, pleaded guilty at a previous hearing to four charges of failing to promptly

notify a change in circumstances. The court heard the overpayments had been repaid, meaning there would be no confiscation proceedings.

Glidewell was sentenced to a six-month community order with a supervision requirement.

Mr Searle said: "Investigations revealed Glidewell had an income from buying and selling goods on ebay. He also had savings in bank accounts."

### Notified

Mr Andrew Hopes, defending, said: "He accepts he should have notified the necessary authorities about the income."

"Originally he believed, as he was not working more than 16 hours a week trading on the internet, it would not affect his benefit."

"He is deeply regretful about the situation he has put himself and others in."

"He has cared for his mother since he was a teenager, and she has been very worried about what the outcome of this hearing will be."

## Church campaigners looking for helpers

A GROUP fighting to reopen a Dudley church is appealing for volunteers to lend a hand clearing the grounds.

The St John's Preservation Group is looking for people to help with work at St John's Church in Kates Hill. It will involve cutting back overgrown weeds and clearing rubbish.

Chairman Deb Brownlee said: "Regular visitors will know the grounds have been transformed and become ever more beautiful, and more families have returned to tend graves year on year. During the winter the main job is the regular litter picking and we do that on an almost daily basis – special thanks go to our committee member Tony Timmins who carries out that task."

"The grass and weed growth is now starting to come through very fast and we are now resuming the summer maintenance. Weather permitting, we will be now be working on the grounds every Sunday from 2pm to 5pm."

To help, contact Deb Brownlee on savestjohnschurch@hotmail.co.uk

## Calling for entrants to register for Cobra run

PREPARATIONS for a 10k road race and fun run around the countryside near Halesowen are already under way.

The annual Cobra Classic is taking place on May 19 starting from the grounds of Old Halesonians Rugby Club in Wassel Grove, near Hagley.

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For further information, or to book your place, contact the Communications team on (01384) 456111 extension 1419 or email [communications@dgh.nhs.uk](mailto:communications@dgh.nhs.uk)

## NEWS

# Top chippy is frying high with award



**Top quality** – from left, Christopher Preece, Antony Akathiotis, MP Margot James, Mayor Melvyn Mottram, Michelle Mottram, and Davina Butcher celebrate the award given to Merchants fish and chips shop

A POPULAR chippy in Stourbridge has joined the fish-frying elite by winning a top quality award.

Merchants in Worcester Street is one of only handful in the region to receive the Fish and Chip Quality Award.

Owner Antony Akathiotis, aged 30,

who lives in Halesowen, described it as a "great achievement". He applied for the award on behalf of the shop, one of three he owns. "An assessor came around and spent about four or five hours looking at everything we do. They looked at the shop's food and its hygiene and health

and safety," he said. Mr Akathiotis added: "There are a lot of great chip shops in Stourbridge so to get the award is fantastic." Mr Akathiotis and the shop's staff were presented with their certificate by Stourbridge MP Margot James and Dudley Mayor Melvyn Mottram.

# Scouts appeal on repairs

**SCOUTS have launched an appeal for support to secure funding to help make vital repairs to their headquarters in Stourbridge.**

Urgent work is needed on the roof and emergency lighting at the home of Stourbridge and District Scout Council. More than 700 scouts and their leaders use the base, off South Road, Norton, alongside members of the Girl Guides.

They managed to secure a grant of £5,000 towards the £9,000 cost for new chairs and tables from councillors on the Stourbridge area community forum. But they are now asking for an

additional £4,850 from a trust established by philanthropist Ernest Stevens for the benefit of community projects in Stourbridge.

Scout district commissioner, the Rev Alan Williams, said the cash would be a welcome boost. "It would be good if we could get the money because it will help us in the future," he said.

### Activities

"We help to give children a place to go and also we try to remain a part of the community. It would also mean that we would be able to use more of our funds to pay for activities."

The Alderman Tye headquarters, near the Swan Pool Park, is the administration base for the districts' seven

main groups. But some 55 members of the explorer scouts group, aged between 14 and 18, rely on the availability of the main hall to hold their meetings.

The building was constructed in the 1960s but it is believed that little major repair work has been done since that time. Mr Williams, who is vicar at Holy Trinity Church, in Amblecote, added: "The interest in scouting has increased in recent years. Employers do recognise the scouts' achievements which show people their skills and work in the community."

"We have local leaders that work very, very hard to put on activities for our scouts."

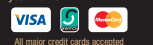
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## CLUB NEWS

# Talk was on silk painting Flower group blooms with a spring display

## K'FORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE

ACTING chairman Audrey Phipps welcomed members to the meeting at the Royal British Legion. There was new member, a visitor and guest speaker Clive Garner.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and The Dudley Cancer Support Group sent thank you letters for donations received, while a letter was also received from Edna Summers for the card and flowers she had received during her recent illness.

An update on the forthcoming trip to Moreton-in-the-Marsh was given. Chris Groves will organise a luncheon later in the year.

Val Thacker agreed to run the sales table provisionally for the next two meetings asking members to be more supportive as any money collected was for the benefit of the group.

Mr Garner shared his enthusiasm for the hobby he has enjoyed for 18 years - painting on silk. As he painted he told the group of the history of silk, explained various techniques used and described the tools of his art. These included paints and brushes and also, aids to drying such as a hairdrier, a microwave and a steamer.

His talk was funny, informative and interesting and he had several very pretty, unusual, hand-made items for sale. Iris Hemfrey gave the vote of thanks.

Linda Taylor and May Raven won the raffle.



Sedgley Morning TWG's floral arts group meets for its spring arrangement

AFTER the business of the AGM, where the committee agreed to stand for a further year, a charity morning was held.

Members took part in fundraising for the Eve Appeal for ovarian cancer by buying refreshments and raffle tickets for a tea cosy which had been made to look like a sheep by the daughter of one of the members. The charity morning raised a total of £130.

During the April meeting, a competition was held to design a name badge.

The floral arts group made lovely spring arrangements using daffodils - a really cheerful sight. At the next meeting the

## SEDGLEY MORNING TWG

arrangement will be "orchids in a hurry". Maureen and John Harper gave an interesting quiz accompanied by slides and music. They showed many interesting villages, buildings, churches and grand houses from across the West Midlands, Worcestershire and Herefordshire. The task was to guess where they all were.

Members enjoyed a recent visit to the Grand Theatre to see Cats. The Bowls Group starts its new season on May 8.

# Fakes, fraud and forgers

CHAIRMAN Hazel Smith presided over the meeting at Grange Court on April 2.

Secretary Jean Williams read the minutes of the last meeting, which were accepted and signed.

She said the guild would be entering two teams into the Federation annual quiz

## GRANGE 'E' TWG

on June 3. Marlene O'Hanlon announced she would be starting a luncheon club.

Guest speaker Graham Sutherland gave an interesting talk on fakes, fraud and

forgers. A collection of loose copper totalling £35 was donated to Lye and Wollscote disabled club.

Gill Attwood announced the birthday lunch would be held at the Vine Inn, Clent, on June 25. The guild is recruiting new members. Call Jean on 01384 832439.

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## NEWS

# Archaeologists dig into past of cave house tiles

**RARE** clay tiles dating back to at least the late 1800s have been discovered in a restored cave dwelling in Kinver.

As workers began to lay new flooring in the pantry at a house, known as Martindale Caves, their shovels hit something solid.

After further investigation at the National Trust site, they unearthed around 20 original quarry tiles.

Archaeologists and conservation experts are now being drafted in to examine the brown tiles, which each measure 10in by 10 in.

Custodian of the row of sandstone hillside rock houses Mike Parker said he was delighted by the discovery.

He added: "We were hoping to lay some new quarry tiles, the discovery of the original ones under a thick layer of soil was completely unexpected and so much better."

## Surge

"The National Trust will be consulting archaeologists and conservation experts to ensure that original floor tiles are properly looked after, and to discuss the potential for further exploration."

"The tiles remain in-situ for visitors to see in the pantry of the Martindale Caves. They were uncovered by Gavin O'Farrell and Andy Booton in what must have been a very unexpected day's work," he said.

The attraction is enjoying a surge in visitors following the opening of the house, the second to be restored at the site.

It underwent a £10,000 transformation to return it to the way it would have been in the 1930s.

Staff and volunteers said the dwelling has proven popular with visitors. The caves attracted around 8,500 visitors between March and May last year. They are always on the look out



Visitor manager Mike Parker and volunteer Peter Hodges at the site

for new volunteers to lend a hand and show visitors around.

Up to 11 families lived in the cave homes, which date back to the 18th century, and it is believed they came about in response to a housing shortage for employees of the Hyde Iron Works.

Three levels of homes were constructed in the rock, each with a bedroom and a separate living area. After the last two families moved out in

the 1950s the buildings fell into disrepair.

There is a team of 50 helpers who work in the tea room and as guides while the houses are open to the public on four days a week from March to the end of November each year.

Anyone interested in volunteering as room stewards at the caves can contact Mr Parker on 01384 872553 or e-mail via [mike.parker@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:mike.parker@nationaltrust.org.uk)

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## NEWS



Members of the Air Cadets take part in the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate during their battlefields tour

# Cadets join the Last Post ceremony at Menin Gate

AIR cadets from the Midlands took an emotional trip to the war graves of Ypres to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

A group of 48 cadets aged 13 to 20 visited the First World War battlefields of Belgium to find out more about the atrocities that took place there as a result of trench warfare.

The trip was organised by 26-year-old Laura Croxford of the 223 Halesowen Squadron. She first visited the region when she was 16.

She said: "I learnt so much from the trip that I wanted to take other young people to give them the same experience."

"It went fantastically well and the cadets had loads of great opportunities to learn about the history of World War One. I think it gave them some real



Cadet Corporal James Alder and Cadet Sergeant Chloe Brown

background which will be useful when they parade on Remembrance Day."

The group visited several war graves at Tyne Cot Commonwealth and Langemark Germany cemetery's, as well as battlefields including Pond Farm, Hill 60 and the Death Trench. They also took part in the Last Post ceremony, where British soldiers who died at the Battle of Ypres have been commemorated every day at 8pm since July 1 1928.

Cadet Sergeant Chloe Brown, of the

223 Halesowen Squadron, laid a wreath on behalf of the Royal Air Force Cadets and the Royal British Legion.

She said: "The trip was really thought provoking and made me think more about how young a lot of the soldiers in World War One actually were and what they gave up for our future."

Cadet corporal James Alder of the 2497 Cosford Squadron, also laid a wreath on the grave of his great uncle, Private Henry Charles Alder, who died on June 20 1917 aged 20. He is buried at the Mendingham Military Cemetery.

The cadets are now planning another trip to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War.

Miss Croxford added: "We will definitely run the trip again as the cadets were so enthusiastic afterwards."

There are squadrons throughout the region including Halesowen and Dudley. To join or for more information visit [www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets](http://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets).

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There are two options travelling by coach from which to choose, Saturday Night Theatre or Dine and Dance.

The Saturday Night Theatre break, from £129.95, includes a ticket for the evening show whereas the Dine and Dance option starts from £139.95, and includes an evening meal with an after-dinner disco. The ticket for this break is for the matinee performance.

Both trips include return coach travel, a choice of theatre ticket from an extensive list of shows, overnight bed and breakfast accommodation in an outer-London four-star hotel, along with some free time in the capital for shopping or sightseeing.

Pick-ups offered are Dudley, Shrewsbury, Telford, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

\*The from price and price bands vary for each show – see brochure/web page for details.

Single room supplements apply.

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## Coronation Festival Evening Gala Concert

Two days departing July 13



★ **PRICE FROM £219.<sup>95</sup>**

The Palace Gardens, with Buckingham Palace as a back-drop, will be the setting for a spectacular Gala celebrating cultural life during the reign of Her Majesty, showcasing the achievements and personality of this extraordinary age.

Those performing at the Gala will represent some of the finest young talent in the UK and the Commonwealth, featuring singers, dancers and entertainers from a wide range of disciplines.

It will be a celebration of the performing arts from the last 60 years, with a focus on young performers. The Evening Gala has been planned around the wider themes of design, technology, pastimes and style that are the keynote themes for the Daytime Festival (a separate trip is available for the daytime Coronation Festival event).

There will also be free time in the capital for shopping or sightseeing.

Three-day rail breaks are also offered for both the daytime Coronation Festival and the Evening Gala concert trip.

### INFO

- Return coach travel
- Overnight bed and breakfast accommodation
- Ticket to the Festival Gala in Buckingham Palace Gardens (entry to the palace not included)
- Free time in London
- Services of a coach driver/tour representative
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

Security restrictions and dress code apply

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## Band deserves bigger stage

**Two Door Cinema Club, Civic Hall, Wolverhampton**  
THIS IS The Life, I thought as I settled down to watch the Two Doors.

Bangor-born lead singer Alex Trimble doesn't have that distinctive Northern Irish brogue, but he puts his accent on his music and his band was so good it would

have had Undercover Martyn coming out from the basement to enjoy.

From the opening Sleeps Alone, the hits followed, with Setting Sun, I Can Talk and new single Handshake, ending with What You Know.

And, in the absence of co-performer Valentina, the

whole crowd joined in with The World is Watching.

Their music may be more familiar through use in TV commercials, but they merit a bigger stage. Someday, Next Year, they might just prove to all that Something Good Can Work and get the acclaim they deserve.

**Mark Shipp**

## Favourite West End star still a charmer

**Michael Ball, Symphony Hall, Birmingham**  
BRITAIN'S favourite West End leading man is still a charmer with a boyish twinkle in his eye at the age of 50. Ladies of a certain age whooped like teenyboppers with appreciation during this two-hour show.

Ball got rolling with a high-energy cover of Lady Gaga's Edge of Glory for a pop-orientated set mostly drawing upon his latest album, Both Sides Now.

This had the Bromsgrove-born showman giving a male perspective to songs associated with female singer-songwriters, including the title song by Joni Mitchell, Katie Melua's Closest Thing To Crazy and an excellent version of Birmingham songstress Joan Armatrading's Love and Affection.

After the interval, it was time for the show-stoppers as the theatre star gave the fans of the musicals what they wanted.

Backed by an 18 piece band, including three exceptional backing singers, Ball was on top form for Empty Tables from Les Mis and a selection of songs by Stephen Sondheim, including Not While I'm Around from



Michael Ball was at the Symphony Hall

Ball's 2012 starring role as Sweeney Todd, which was to win him the Olivier award the following night.

The big finale was the Andrew Lloyd Webber song that made Ball a star, Love Changes Everything, and then the encores were party time as Ball sang his 1992 Eurovision runner-up song One Step Out Of Time, You Can't Stop The Beat from Hair-spray and a hip-swivelling version of Tom Jones' Help Yourself to send the ladies home happy.

**Leon Burakowski**

## Top marks for a first-class production

**Crazy For You, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre**

TOP marks for West Bromwich Operatic Society's latest production. Full of energy and enthusiasm, the company produced a first-class show. Accomplished all-rounder

Leon Davies played the lead. Opposite him, Claire Kramer gave a polished performance and there was a good supporting cast.

It was also one of the few shows, amateur and professional, that clear vocals were appreciated.

**Les Jowett**

## REVIEWS

### OMD enjoy comeback

**OMD, Symphony Hall, Birmingham**

OMD's sweeping melodic synth-pop still has a special place in many hearts, hence the couples in their 40s and 50s who ensured a full house for their latest comeback.

New album English Electric has the same compelling appeal as their 80s heyday, combining lush electronics with Andy McCluskey's emotive vocals.

Fans greeted Metroland, from the latest album, like an old favourite. They got plenty of those including Tesla Girls, Maid of Orleans, Joan of Arc and Locomotion. Paul Humphreys emerged from behind his keyboard to sing Forever Live and Die and returned to his post for the melancholy Souvenir.

They finished their main set with Enola Gay and returned for encores including Secret and Electricity.

**Leon Burakowski**

### Masterpiece a 'must-see'

**Blood Brothers, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre**

THERE was a sea of tears as Maureen Nolan headed the cast of Bill Kenwright's latest production of this musical masterpiece.

As Mrs Johnson, she gives a heartfelt performance, while Sean Jones continues to play Mickey with total conviction.

Understudy Tim Churchill took on the difficult role of The Narrator at the last minute.

Blood Brothers remains a 'must-see'. It runs until Saturday. **Alison Norton**

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# What's On! Halesowen

## Premiere for stage version of Office

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See TV's David Brent, the petty and pompous Slough regional boss of paper merchants and colleagues Gareth the pedantic jobsorth, Tim and receptionist Dawn who are still secretly yearning for each other.

The show is on Wednesday May 8 until Saturday May 11 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7 for adults and £6 concession.

## Town Hall staging music of decades

BARRY Walker & Smackee are now touring with a new two hour presentation that combines the music of four of the greatest piano singer songwriters.

Barry Walker as the Piano Man along with his group Smackee, will perform five decades of the greatest hits from Neil Sedaka, Barry Manilow, Billy Joel & Elton John.

The afternoon show will be at Dudley Town Hall on Tuesday June 11 from 2pm and tickets are £11.00.

The show will run for around 2hrs 30mins.

## Recreating soul

DUDLEY Town Hall is recreating the days of Blackpool Mecca, Wigan Casino, The Torch and The Twisted Wheel for Northern Soul fans on Saturday May 11 at 8pm. Tickets are £7.

# The monsters of metal are making a comeback

**BIRMINGHAM'S** own rock prince of darkness **Ozzy Osbourne** will be back with his original band mates when legendary heavy metal outfit **Black Sabbath** come home for two gigs in their home city in the week before Christmas.

Black Sabbath, also featuring guitarist Tomy Iommi and bassist Geezer Butler, were formed in Aston in 1967 and on June 10 release their first studio album since 1978's *Never Say Die*.

New album 13 has been produced by Rick Rubin. Drum duties have been taken by Rage Against The Machine's Brad Wilk, as original drummer Bill Ward is not joining the reunion.

## Arena

As part of a UK December tour, Black Sabbath will play the LG Arena on the 20th before heading into the city centre for an NIA gig on the 22nd. Tickets start at £45.

Other metal highlights include Finland's Eurovision winning shock rockers Lordi at The Institute in Digbeth on May 10; rock veterans Deep Purple featuring Ian Gillan at the NIA on October 15; Florida's Alter Bridge with Shinedown and Halestorm at the NIA on October 17.

Two rock guitar legends are coming up with Joe Satriani at Wolverhampton Civic on June 13 and Joe Bonamassa at the NIA on September 27.



Coming home for two Birmingham concerts in December – Black Sabbath members Geezer Butler, Ozzy Osbourne and Tony Iommi

## PM Hacker in a spin at the Grand

HIT West End play *Yes, Prime Minister* is being staged at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday.

The original writers of the classic BBC TV series, Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn, have reunited for this production with a new satirical take on Whitehall.

Prime Minister Jim Hacker and his Cabinet Secretary Sir Humphrey Appleby are back, spinning out of control through the collapsing Euro and austerity measures.

Michael Fenton Stevens, from TV comedy *Benidorm*, will play Prime Minister Jim Hacker and Crispin Redman, from *Law & Order: UK*, will take the role of Sir Humphrey Appleby. Michael Matus will join the cast as Principal Private Secretary Bernard Woolley.

## Sex and class in a power struggle

UK Touring Theatre bring a new version of August Strindberg's Swedish 19th century drama *Julia* to Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre on Tuesday evening. A flirtation between an aristocratic lady and her father's valet during a midsummer's eve party results in a ferocious power struggle and a battle of the sexes in this classic play.

The Wulfruna Street venue also hosts a staging of George Orwell's 1984 by Sell A Door on Wednesday evening.

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## CHOICE



Ant and Dec

Britain's Got Talent  
ITV, 7.15pm

More wannabe stars take to the stage in the hope they have what it takes to impress the judges. We've already seen a host of promising acts wow the masses, from shy The Voice reject Alice Fredenham, to former Generation Game hostess Francine Lewis. That coveted Royal Variety Performance slot and a massive prize fund is up for grabs, but, as we all know, this is a hard-fought contest and anything can happen before that final in a few weeks' time. What we do know is Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon will pass judgement.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **6.10** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **6.30** Doctor Who. Madame Vastra, Jenny and Strax investigate when the people of an 1893 Yorkshire mining town start dying of a mysterious affliction that leaves their bodies bright red and wax-like. **7.15** The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. **8.05** The Voice UK. The final round of blind auditions – the last chance for the remaining hopefuls to win a place on Jessie J, Will.i.am, Tom Jones or Danny O'Donoghue's team. **9.25** Casualty. Ash deals with his daughter's admission to the ED after she is hit by a police car driven by a drunken officer, while Tom's judgement is called into question. **10.15** BBC News; Weather. **10.30** Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, which included Queens Park Rangers v Arsenal and West Bromwich Albion v Wigan Athletic; National Lottery Update. **12.00** The Football League Show. **1.10** Weather. **1.15** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.55** Film: Up in the World. (1956) **8.25** Film: The Early Bird. (1965) **10.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **12.00** University Challenge. (R) **12.30** Just a Minute. (R) **1.00** Live MotoGP. **2.00** EastEnders. (R) **3.50** Coast. (R) **4.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **5.30** Flog It! **6.30** Dad's Army. Mainwaring and the platoon try to capture three German airmen who have landed in a lake after bailing out and intend to stay in their dinghy until nightfall. (R) **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Jason Mohammad presents coverage of the concluding session of the second semi-final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where ties are contested over the best of 33 frames. Subsequent programmes are subject to change. **9.30** QI XL. Stephen Fry is joined by Jack Dee, Chris Addison, Rich Hall and regular panellist Alan Davies on an extended edition of the quiz with a difference. (R) **10.15** The United States of Television: America in Primetime. Alan Yentob reflects on the social changes that transformed the traditional image of a stay-at-home mother portrayed on American TV in the 1950s into the independent woman of today. **11.15** Film: Sin City. (2005) Three tales unfold and intertwine on the dark streets of a brutal and unforgiving city. Thriller, with Mickey Rourke, Bruce Willis and Clive Owen. **1.10** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Special Agent Oso. **6.10** Special Agent Oso. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.00** Jessie. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Saturday Farm. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham. (R) **11.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Fool Britannia. (R) **1.05** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **2.05** River Monsters. (R) **3.10** The Chase. (R) **4.10** Wildscreen Murders. (R) **5.45** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.00** ITV News; Weather. **6.15** You've Been Framed! Top 100 Weddings. Comedian Harry Hill narrates a countdown of 100 wedding-themed camcorder calamities and viewer-submitted mobile-phone clips. (R) **7.15** Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the nationwide talent search as another line-up of entertainers try to impress judges Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Alesha Dixon and Amanda Holden. **8.15** The Cube. Two more contestants take up the challenge. **9.20** The Jonathan Ross Show. With Zachary Quinto, Zoe Saldana and music by Thom Yorke. **10.20** ITV News; Weather. **10.35** Film: Basic Instinct. (1992) Thriller, starring Sharon Stone and Michael Douglas. **12.50** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Starter Wife. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Caterham Motorsport. **7.00** FIM Superbike World Championship. **7.15** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.05** The Simpsons. (R) **12.35** Heston's Titanic Feast. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.10** Come Dine with Me. Businessman Ken Brown hosts the final dinner party in Co Durham and Wearside, and provides his guests with some unique entertainment before the winner is announced. (R) **6.40** Channel 4 News. **7.00** Sarah Beeny's Selling Houses. Homeowners in Windsor, Berkshire, look around one another's properties for improvement ideas and then spruce up their own on a £1,000 budget, hoping to attract buyers. **8.00** Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows interior design Kathryn Tyler as she tries to fulfil her dream of creating a Scandinavian-style eco house in her mother's back garden in Cornwall. (R) **9.00** Film: Star Trek. (2009) Sci-fi adventure, with Chris Pine and Zachary Quinto. **11.25** Film: Premonition. (2007) Supernatural thriller, starring Sandra Bullock. **1.20** Film: Mahanagar. (1963) Drama, starring Madhubi Mukherjee. **3.35** Coming Up. (R) **4.05** Hollyoaks. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.15** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.50** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.15** Inside Hollywood. **11.20** Frontline Police. (R) **12.20** Emergency Bikers. (R) **1.20** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild. (R) **2.25** Film: Avalanche Express. (1979) **4.10** Film: Breakheart Pass. (1975) **6.00** 5 News Weekend. **6.05** Film: Stone Cold. (2005) A sleepy backwater town's hard-drinking chief of police pursues a serial killer and investigates the rape of a teenager. Detective drama, starring Tom Selleck. **7.30** NCIS. An attempted robbery leads to the death of a lieutenant. (R) **8.20** NCIS. The agents find out about a government organisation dedicated to child prodigies while investigating a marine's death, and realise a 12-year-old could be the killer's next target. (R) **9.20** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. An inspector for the department of health is murdered. **10.15** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A murder echoes a crime committed 20 years previously. **11.10** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A witness in a rape case is reluctant to testify. **12.10** SuperCasino. **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.20** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.45** County Secrets. (R) **4.55** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.05** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.15** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.35** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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**BBC Three** **7.00** Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **7.05** Animal Antics **7.35** Film: G-Force (2009) **9.00** Sweet the Small Stuff **9.30** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Film: Old School (2003) **BBC Four** **7.00** South Pacific **8.00** A303: Highway to the Sun **9.00** Arne Dahl: To the Top of the Mountain – Part One **10.30** Queen Live in Budapest: Hungarian Rhapsody **ITV2** **2.35** Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **4.20** You've Been Framed! **6.00** Film: Twister (1996) **8.15** Britain's Got More Talent **9.20** Totally You've Been Framed! **10.15** Celebrity Juice **11.05** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **11.35** Britain's Got Talent **ITV3** **2.00** A Touch of Frost **4.00** Film: Watership Down (1978) **5.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Taggart **ITV4** **3.00** Live Indian Premier League Cricket. **7.30** Indian Premier League Greatest Hits **8.30** River Monsters **9.35** Film: Jaws 2 (1978) **11.55** Film: Sweeney! (1977) **E4** **5.25** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Youngers **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** Broke Girls **9.00** Film: The Omen (2006) **11.15** The Big Bang Theory **Film4** **3.10** Home Alone (1990) **5.10** She's the Man (2006) **7.10** Legend (1985) **9.00** Dogma. (1999) Comedy/fantasy, starring Matt Damon. **11.30** Star Trek Into Darkness Interview Special **11.40** 30 Days of Night (2007)

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Live MotoGP  
BBC2, 12.30pm

The third round of the season takes place at the Circuito de Jerez, as the Spanish Grand Prix takes centre stage on the MotoGP calendar. Casey Stoner took the chequered flag last year after moving up from fifth on the starting grid, crossing the line less than a second ahead of pole-sitter Jorge Lorenzo. The Australian retired at the end of last year so won't be in contention to repeat his victory, and if the Grand Prix of the Americas is any indication, it appears a new racing prodigy could be one of the likely candidates to claim the glory here. With reports from Azi Farni.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **8.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Countryfile. (R) **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Helicopter Heroes. **2.45** Points of View. **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Songs of Praise. **4.35** Great Bear Stakeout. (R) **5.35** The Diamond Queen. (R)

**6.35** BBC News; Regional News; Weather

**7.00** Countryfile. Reports from Cambridgeshire, going behind the scenes of Newmarket racecourse, profiling local poet John Clare and telling the story of Victorian naturalist the Rev Leonard Jenyns. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

**8.00** Antiques Roadshow. The experts are in Chestow, Monmouthshire, where items include early Olympic Games medals and a lightbulb containing a painstakingly made model of Lincoln Cathedral.

**9.00** The Village. Old Bert recalls 1920, as the locals honour their war dead with the unveiling of a memorial. But there is upset when one name is left off the list of the fallen. Last in the series.

**10.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

**10.25** Match of the Day 2. Colin Murray and guests look back at the day's Premier League matches, which were Manchester United v Chelsea at Old Trafford and Liverpool v Everton at Anfield.

**11.35** Regional Programme.

**12.05** The Sky at Night. **12.25** Film: A Boy Called Dad. (2009)

**1.40** Weather. **1.45** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.10** Film: Experiment Perilous. (1944) Murder mystery, starring Hedy Lamarr. **7.40** Film: The White Tower. (1950) Mountaineering drama, starring Alida Valli. **9.15** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **12.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP. The Spanish Grand Prix MotoGP race (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Coverage of the opening session of the final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first eight frames of the match are scheduled to take place.

**6.00** Coast. Stories linked to sea cliffs around the UK, with Nick Crane visiting a funicular railway at Saltburn-by-the-Sea and Andy Torbet taking part in an exercise with commando recruits. (R)

**7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Hazel Irvine and Jason Mohammad present all the action from the second session of the final at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre, where a further nine frames are scheduled to take place. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

**11.00** Dave Allen: God's Own Comedian. A look at the life, career and legacy of the Irish comedy writer and performer, featuring interviews with family and friends and rare archive material. (R)

**12.00** Film: Romance and Cigarettes. (2005) Musical drama, starring James Gandolfini. **1.40** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.35** Holly City. Elliot and Ollie come into conflict. (R) **3.35** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Special Agent Oso. **6.10** Special Agent Oso. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **7.40** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.30** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **2.30** Film: Fletch. (1985) Comedy mystery, with Chevy Chase and Tim Matheson. **4.25** Midsomer Murders. (R)

**6.15** Regional Programme; Weather.

**6.30** ITV News; Weather.

**6.45** Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the revival of the game show in which contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.

**7.30** Off Their Rockers. A pensioner auditions for Britain's Got Talent.

**8.00** Endeavour. A professor is killed in a hit-and-run. Last in the series.

**10.00** Perspectives: Hugh Laurie: Copper Bottom Blues. The actor and musician delves into the history of the blues in America. Last in the series.

**10.55** ITV News; Weather.

**11.15** Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the final round of fixtures in the regular season.

**12.10** The Store. **2.10** Monk. (R) **2.55** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV News. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freesports on 4. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** The Simpsons. (R) **1.20** The Simpsons. (R) **1.50** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Deal or No Deal. **5.10** Five Minutes to a Fortune.

**6.10** Channel 4 News.

**6.30** Come Dine with Me. Four contestants take part in a week of competitive dining in Surrey, beginning with estate agent James Quantrell hosting a Best of British-themed evening. (R)

**7.25** Film: Gulliver's Travels. (2010) Premiere. A man tries to prove himself by exploring the Bermuda Triangle, and ends up stuck on an island where he is a giant. Fantasy comedy, starring Jack Black and Emily Blunt.

**9.00** Peter Kay Live: The Tour That Didn't Tour - Tour. Peter Kay brings his hugely successful tour to the small screen, returning to live stand-up comedy after a seven-year break. (R)

**10.55** Film: The Waterboy. (1998) The coach of an American football team spots the talent of their put-up waterboy and gives him the chance to prove himself on the pitch. Comedy, with Adam Sandler.

**12.40** Film: Charulata. (1964) Drama, with Madhubi Mukherjee and Soumitra Chatterjee. **2.45** Coming Up. (R) **3.10** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.05** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** SportsCenter. **5.50** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Ben and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Chloe's Closet. **6.55** Roobarb and Custard Top. (R) **7.00** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.15** Animal Antics. (R) **7.20** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.30** Mio Mao. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **10.10** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.40** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.05** Climbing the Giants. (R) **11.35** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.55** Film: Thunderpants. (2002) **2.20** Film: Along Came Polly. (2004) **4.00** Film: What a Girl Wants. (2003)

**6.00** Film: Dirty Dancing. (1987) Romantic drama, with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey.

**8.05** Once Upon a Time. Dr Whale resurrects Regina's dead lover.

**9.00** The Truth About Revelations.

**9.55** 5 News Weekend.

**10.00** Film: London Boulevard. (2010) Premiere. Crime drama, with Colin Farrell.

**11.55** Soho Blues. (R)

**12.55** SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

**4.45** County Secrets. (R) **4.55** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.05** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.15** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.35** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Great TV Mistakes **7.10** Snog, Marry, Avoid? **7.40** The Voice UK **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **9.45** Sweet Sweat the Small Stuff: Extra Sweaty **10.30** Barely Legal Drivers **11.30** Family Guy

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** She-Wolves: England's Early Queens **8.00** Timewatch: Stonehenge **9.00** Margaret **10.55** Top of the Pops 1977: Big Hits **11.55** Top of the Pops 1978: Big Hits

**ITV2**

**3.30** You've Been Framed! **4.35** Britain's Got Talent **5.40** Britain's Got Talent **6.45** Film: Peter Pan (2003) **9.00** Film: 300 (2006) **11.20** Celebrity Juice

**ITV3**

**3.50** Film: The Secret of My Success (1987) **5.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Film: Seabiscuit (2003) Fact-based horse racing drama, with Toby Maguire. **10.45** A Touch of Frost

**ITV4**

**10.45** Live British Touring Car Championship. **6.00** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **7.00** World of Sport: 1980s **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Indian Premier League Cricket **10.00** Film: Burn After Reading (2008)

**E4**

**3.40** How I Met Your Mother **4.35** Revenge **5.30** New Girl **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** The Mindy Project **8.00** Film: Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) **9.55** Darren Brown: Enigma **11.35** 2 Break Girls

**Film4**

**3.05** Five Children and It (2004) **4.50** Inkhart (2003) **6.55** Another Stakeout (1993) **9.00** True Lies (1994) **11.45** Predator (1987)

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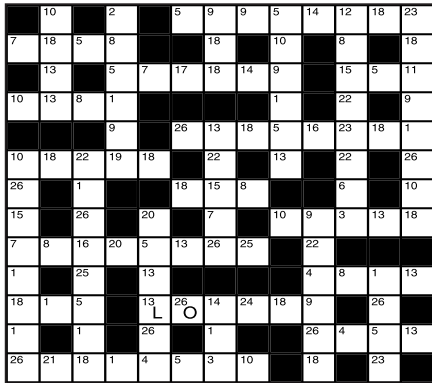
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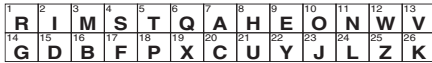
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### Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

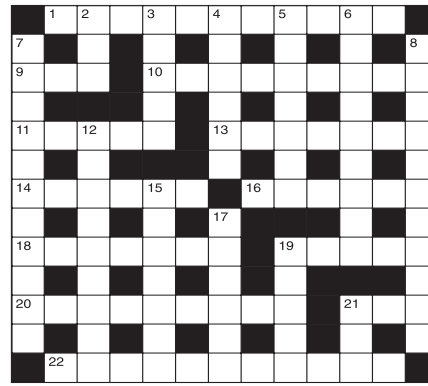
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#### Across

1. They have been worn by men in retirement (11)
9. It turns quiet at the end (3)
10. Does it provide wood for building aircraft? (5,4)
11. Most of the men attempt to find a way in (5)
13. Get in an unusual profit (3,4)
14. It contains a variety of provisions (6)
16. Women haven't the face to use them! (6)
18. In fairness, it's simply very cold water (7)
19. Part of the audit totalled up to the same thing (5)
20. Part of the tide of lawlessness? (5,4)
21. Slip up out of merriment (3)
22. The top salesmen in print? (4,7)

#### Down

2. I'm quiet, but he probably won't be! (3)
3. Pleased to be lucky (5)
4. Soils satins, perhaps (6)
5. Train that is brought to absolute rest (7)
6. Evict a sailor and look the other way (4,5)
7. His work is above most people! (11)
8. Where games are won by the over-forties (6,5)
12. It makes one admission after another (9)
15. It's clear I'd be involved in whatever occurred (7)
17. Be up in a local tax and get discount (6)
19. Live well on five hundred (5)
21. It may be pierced or just pricked (3)



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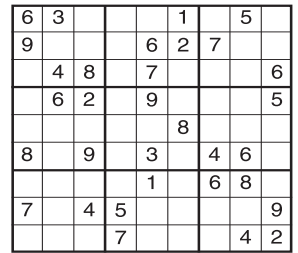
#### Across

1. Sleight of hand (11)
9. Employ (3)
10. Transact (9)
11. Takes off (5)
13. Tarnished (7)
14. Scream (6)
16. Stress (6)
18. Performer (7)
19. Purchaser (5)
20. Abandon (4,5)
21. Fish (3)
22. January 1st (3,5,3)

#### Down

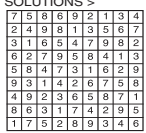
2. Sheep (3)
3. Sea-eagles (5)
4. Summary (6)
5. Sailor (7)
6. Fancied (9)
7. Get far ahead of (11)
8. Starring part (7,4)
12. Anticipation (9)
15. Rapture (7)
17. Part of the eye (6)
19. Consecrate (5)
21. Epoch (3)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >



LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Stag; 3 Prudence; 9 At heart; 10 Rumba; 11 General store; 13 Adroit; 15 Roller; 17 Fighting form; 20 Areas; 21 Ontario; 22 In the bag; 23 Iale. Down: 1 Shanghai; 2 Ashen; 4 Rattle; 5 Dark thoughts; 6 Numeral; 7 Eras; 8 Merry in haste; 12 Trombone; 14 Raiment; 16 Mimosa; 18 Ogres; 19 Sari. QUICK - Across: 1 Cite; 3 Campaign; 9 Noxious; 10 Levee; 11 Second nature; 13 Exotic; 15 Afresh; 17 Superstition; 20 Twist; 21 Elevate; 22 Mutilate; 23 Very. Down: 1 Canister; 2 Toxic; 4 Assent; 5 Pilot-officer; 6 Inverse; 7 Need; 8 Coincidental; 12 Thunder; 14 Oculist; 16 Assert; 18 Irate; 19 Item.



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### NETHERTON



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#### Plot 4, Rear Of 196 Cradley Road

- \* New detached bungalow \* Two bedrooms \* Lounge with focal point fireplace
- \* Quality fitted kitchen/dining \* Utility \* Garage \* EPC = C

**£179,000**

### Oldbury



- Wolverhampton Road**
- \* Extended & Modernised Semi Detached House
  - \* Downstairs Shower/Wet Room
  - \* Master Bedroom With En-suite
  - \* Three Further Bedrooms
  - \* Small Garage/Store (not measured)
  - \* EPC = D

**£250,000**

### Cradley Heath



- Plot 1 Allbut Street**
- \* Brand New semi detached
  - \* 3 bedrooms
  - \* Lounge \* Cloakroom
  - \* Kitchen/dining room
  - \* Enclosed garden
  - \* Off road parking
  - \* EPC = B

**£117,500**

### Dudley



- Dudley Wood Avenue**
- \* L Shaped Lounge/Dining Room
  - \* Sun Lounge
  - \* Kitchen with Oven/Hob
  - \* Three Bedrooms
  - \* Re-fitted Bathroom with Bath and Shower
  - \* Large Garden
  - \* Gas Boiler Heating Radiators
  - \* EPC = D

**Offers in the region of £149,950**

### Oldbury



- Titford Road**
- \* Well presented semi-detached house
  - \* Three bedrooms\* Bathroom
  - \* Through living room separate to form lounge dining room
  - \* Extended kitchen/breakfast room
  - \* Enclosed gardens
  - \* Garage, off road parking for boat/car/ caravan etc
  - \* EPC = D

**Offers in the region of £175,000**

### Smethwick



- Hamilton Road**
- \* Terraced House
  - \* Conservatory
  - \* Master Bedroom with En-suite
  - \* Two Further Properties
  - \* Family Bathroom
  - \* Off Road Parking
  - \* EPC = D

**Offers in the region of £124,950**

### Smethwick



- William Road**
- \* A brand new detached family house
  - \* "Quality fitted kitchen" Extensive living room
  - \* Main bedroom with ensuite shower room \* Two further bedrooms
  - \* 2nd floor guest bedroom with ensuite bathroom \* House bathroom
  - \* Double glazed windows
  - \* Gas boiler heating radiators
  - \* Brand new fitted carpets
  - \* Car space

**Offers in the region of £250,000**

### Oldbury



- Walters Road**
- \* Traditional semi-detached house
  - \* Three bedrooms & bathroom
  - \* Through living room (divided)
  - \* Fitted kitchen
  - \* Garden
  - \* Garage & parking space at rear
  - \* Gas boiler heating radiators
  - \* EPC = E

**Offers in the region of £155,000**

### Stourbridge Hagley



- The Brake**
- \* Mid Terraced House
  - \* Three Bedrooms
  - \* Downstairs wc
  - \* Pleasant Rear Garden
  - \* Communal Parking
  - \* EPC = D

**Offers in the region of £169,950**

### Oldbury



- Apsley Road**
- \* Spacious Semi Detached House
  - \* Two Reception Rooms
  - \* Utility
  - \* Re-Fitted Shower Room
  - \* Garage
  - \* EPC = C

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- 10 Bramble Close**
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  - \* 2 bedrooms
  - \* double glazed windows
  - \* gas boiler/radiator heating
  - \* contemporary bathroom
  - \* additional enclosed parking at rear
  - \* EPC = C

**Monthly rent of £565**  
+ application fee £135 (inc VAT) 1<sup>st</sup> tenant and £65 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required of 6 weeks rent.

### Rowley Regis



- 25 Hawes Lane**
- \* Mid-terraced house
  - \* Three bedrooms
  - \* Fitted kitchen with some appliances
  - \* parking space
  - \* EPC = C
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- 15 Old Port Close**
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  - \* Available Now!
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- Flat 3 29 New Road**
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  - \* EPC = E

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#### HALESOWEN, WHITTINGHAM ROAD

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**£650 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, HOWLEY GRANGE ROAD

A large and unfurnished semi detached house in a well sought after location, close to local primary school and ideal for access to Birmingham. Featuring gas central heating, 2 living rooms, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, small rear garden, driveway parking. EPC: E

**£625 PCM**



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Luxury living in Hayley Green. This superb luxury 1st floor apartment offers spacious accommodation including open plan lounge/kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, master with en-suite, a further well appointed bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing and allocated parking. EPC: B

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#### OLDBURY, ST MATTHEWS ROAD

Refurbished to a high standard. This 3 bedroom mid-terrace property in Oldbury/Quinton area has lounge, fitted kitchen, blow air central heating, white bathroom suite with shower, separate wc, rear garden with parking. Available immediately. EPC: D

**£600 PCM**



#### DUDLEY, STOURBRIDGE ROAD

Totally refurbished to a good standard with period features. A terraced 4 bedroom property close to Dudley town centre featuring a lovely entrance hall with mirror flooring, charming lounge and separate dining room with feature fireplace, large new kitchen with overhead, downstairs wc, family bathroom with shower and a wonderful rear garden. Viewing recommended to appreciate this property. Available immediately. EPC: F

**£595 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, BEAUMONT ROAD

Superb fully re-furnished traditional semi-detached house available end of April. 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom with shower, 2 double bedrooms, gas central heating, double glazed. A must see property! EPC: E

**£550 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, NEW JOHN STREET

Well presented mid terrace house within walking distance to Blackheath. This large mid terrace house features 3 good sized bedrooms, gas central heating, lounge, fitted dining kitchen with range cooker, utility room, guest WC, bathroom with shower, large garden, driveway parking. EPC: D

**£550 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, HAWNE COURT

Located in a quiet, desirable neighborhood this well kept ground floor apartment is situated at the end of a peaceful cul de sac, offering a spacious living room, modern fitted kitchen with built in appliances, 2 double bedrooms, gas central heating, bathroom with fitted shower, allocated parking space with garage. EPC: D

**£525 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, BEECHER ROAD

An unfurnished semi detached house, ideally located for local shops, buses and Colley Lane Primary School, briefly comprising of: 3 bedrooms, lounge, fitted dining kitchen, gas central heating, double glazing, downstairs bathroom, laundry room, en-suite shower room to master bedroom, driveway parking, front and rear gardens. A value for money property. EPC: D

**£525 PCM**



#### BARTLEY GREEN, LUDFORD ROAD

Located in the Woodgate area. Ideally situated for Woodgate Primary School, this newly decorated 3 bedroom terraced house features fitted kitchen, large lounge, house bathroom with shower, driveway parking for 2 cars, mature rear garden. EPC: D

**£525 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, ADAMS COURT

Conveniently located for local shops and buses to Halesowen and Stourbridge. A large and spacious ground floor apartment features modern décor and fixtures and benefits from gas central heating, spacious living room, fitted kitchen with white goods, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom with separate shower cubicle, allocated parking space. EPC: C

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#### HALESOWEN, WILLETT'S DRIVE

An unfurnished mid terrace house comprising of: Breakfast Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Lounge, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Bathroom With Shower, Driveway Parking, Gardens. EPC: C

**£510 PCM**



#### TIPTON, PEARTREE AVENUE

Cul-de-sac location. This deceptively large 3 bedroom terraced house has undergone a redecoration. It features a spacious lounge, large modern fitted kitchen, house bathroom with shower, nice sized garden, driveway parking and is in a quiet cul-de-sac location. EPC: C

**£500 PCM**



#### TIPTON, MONARCH DRIVE

A lovely traditional semi detached home briefly comprising of: living room, fitted kitchen, conservatory, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, double glazing, gas central heating, driveway parking, front and rear gardens. Viewing essential. EPC: C

**£495 PCM**



#### CRADLEY HEATH, SEEDHOUSE COURT

Set within lovely private gardens. Ideally located for Old Hill train station, local shops and buses for Cradley Heath, Halesowen and Merry Hill, a part furnished ground floor apartment featuring 2 double bedrooms, fitted kitchen with white goods, spacious lounge with sofa and dining table and chairs, house bathroom with shower, allocated parking. EPC: D

**£475 PCM**



#### LYE, HIGH STREET

Fully refurbished in the centre of Lye. This large and spacious 1st floor apartment features a lovely lounge with a feature bay window, 2 good size bedrooms, new bathroom suite but no shower, modern and contemporary kitchen with oven and hob, electric heating, double glazing, on road parking. Available now. EPC: F

**£450 PCM**



#### NETHERTON, ST GEORGES ROAD

Spacious and quiet. A totally refurbished 1st floor apartment featuring electric storage heating, living room, fitted kitchen with a fridge freezer, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with fitted wardrobes, house bathroom with shower, rear garden, parking space. EPC: D

**£425 PCM**



#### CRADLEY HEATH, ELBOW STREET

Set in the heart of Old Hill. A modern and spacious 2nd floor apartment, ideally situated for Old Hill train station and shopping in Cradley Heath. This apartment offers 1 double bedroom, fitted kitchen with washer/dryer, modern bathroom with shower, large lounge, 1 allocated parking space. An opportunity not to be missed! EPC: B

**£425 PCM**



#### OLDBURY, CAUSEWAY GREEN ROAD

Deceptively large and spacious. A split level apartment above local shops, within walking distance to bus links for Langley and Oldbury and close to J2 of the M5. Comprises gas central heating, spacious living room, fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom with shower, parking to rear, with the added bonus of a porch, unfurnished. EPC: D

**£400 PCM**



#### NETHERTON, BAPTIST END ROAD

An unfurnished 1st floor flat comprising: living room, fitted kitchen, 1 double bedroom, bathroom with shower, electric storage heating, double glazing, parking space to rear, communal garden. EPC: D

**£395 PCM**

**Home of Property**



The forecourt has parking for two cars, while the gardens are mainly to the side of the property

# Detached house with decoration 'that is superb'



The large dining kitchen has a range of wall and base units and integrated appliances

**DESCRIBED by agents as beautifully presented and superbly decorated, this two-bedroom detached house in Lower Gornal is for sale priced at £164,950.**

Rose Cottage, in Straits Road, offers contemporary style living accommodation briefly comprising of reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining kitchen with integrated appliances, two double bedrooms and bathroom, and also benefits from uPVC double

glazing, gas central heating and gardens.

On the ground floor the guest cloakroom has a white suite of WC and wash hand basin while the lounge measuring 14ft 6in by 12ft 7in has a fireplace with inset pebble effect living flame gas fire and French door to the rear garden.

Integrated

The dining kitchen, 15ft 4in by 10ft 3in, has a range of units with stainless steel circular bowl sink, round edge work surfaces and integrated appli-

ances including oven, hob, extractor, fridge freezer, washer dryer and dishwasher.

On the first floor are two bedrooms and a bathroom with white suite comprising panelled bath with shower and screen, WC and pedestal wash hand basin.

Outside the property stands behind a forecourt with parking for two cars while the garden is mainly to the side of the property with a patio and lawn. Called Roden Boydell on 01902 881188 for more details or to view.



A French doors leads from the lounge to the rear garden



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A traditional semi detached house briefly comprising three bedrooms, garden and off road parking. Halesowen

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EPC E

**£160,000**

A three bedroom house benefitting from extended lounge, separate dining room, conservatory, gardens and parking. Halesowen.

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**Guide £150,000 - £200,000**

This individual property offers a variety of accommodation comprising a shop on the front, garage and carport. Halesowen.

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**Offers Over £140,000**

Semi detached house with four bedrooms, garden and off road parking. Viewing is recommended. Halesowen.

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Modern semi detached property situated in a cul-de-sac. The property comprises kitchen, three bedrooms, front and rear gardens. Halesowen.

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**£84,000**

Modern semi detached property with accommodation comprising lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, front and rear gardens. Halesowen.

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**Offers Over £60,000**

This is a well presented first floor apartment with accommodation comprising lounge, kitchen, bedroom and allocated parking. Halesowen.

Foxyards Road, Tipton



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A detached three bedroom house with garage, off road parking, front and rear gardens. Situated on a corner plot. Viewing is essential.

Crockett Street, Dudley



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**£120,000**

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Denbigh Close, Dudley



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**Offers Over £110,000**

Semi detached two bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, modern kitchen/diner, bathroom, gardens and driveway.

Stourbridge Road, Dudley



EPC F

**£100,000**

Terraced four bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs WC, family bathroom and rear garden.

Pebworth Grove, Dudley



Awaiting EPC

**£100,000**

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, rear garden and driveway.

School Drive, Bilston



EPC C

**£80,000**

A three bedroom semi detached property benefitting from two reception rooms, kitchen, upstairs bathroom and rear garden.

Thunderbolt Way, Tipton



EPC C

**Offers Over £75,000**

Modern second floor two bedroom apartment briefly comprising lounge/kitchen, bathroom, communal gardens and allocated parking spaces.

Peel Way, Tividale



EPC C

**Offers Over £65,000**

Ground floor two bedroom flat briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, rear garden and driveway.



# Motoring

Compiled by Motoring  
Editor Sharon Walters

## Vauxhall's convertible looks a winner

By Ian Donaldson

IT'S not hard to see where Vauxhall would like to be on the ladder of automotive desirability... on the rung below Audi, you'd guess.

Vauxhall's new, big four-seater Cascada convertible is the latest in a recent onslaught of new models, all aimed at giving the brand a more glossy feel for potential punters.

We've seen recent launches for the petrol/electric Ampera, medium-sized SUV Mokka and chic and small Adam.

The first will sell in tiny numbers, with the Adam finding tough opposition from Fiat and Mini and only the Mokka likely to make it high up the charts.

But you get the feeling outright sales are less important than making other road users take a second glance and ask 'what is that rather smart looking car over there?'

And now comes the Cascada, Spanish for waterfall (or the pop group representing Germany at the 2013 Eurovision Song Contest), which is predicted to sell only a couple of thousand here each year.

But you'll take notice every time one comes into view. It's a big car and it's got masses of smart street presence, with the hood up or



The Vauxhall Cascada is ready to roar into the convertible market

down (an action that takes a mere 17 seconds in either direction).

More look-at-me pulling power, for instance, than the smaller Audi A5 Convertible, which also costs nearly £8,000 more than the least expensive Cascada.

Now, that may not matter a jot to an Audi buyer, who would not even mention a Vauxhall in the same breath, but it sure matters to the seller of the Cascada, keen as moutarde to give the brand a bit of upmarket chic.

Cover over the badge and you'd never guess the car costs from a modest (in large convert-

ible terms) £23,995. Even under a watery English sky it looks terrific; utterly up to posing on the quayside at Monte Carlo among the inevitable Porsches... and Audis. You'd never guess it's a stablemate for the humble, company car park favourite, the Insignia.

### Swathes

At least, not until you slipped inside, where you discover it now becomes an Insignia in all but name, with added swathes of nicely stitched leather to disguise thing a bit. That didn't stop the test car, a £26,095 version with the smallest engine available (1.4 litre petrol)



The Cascada oozes class with the roof down and the sun shining

having the most comfortable driver's seat I've enjoyed in living memory, thanks to a myriad of adjustments, heating and handsome leather facings. Eat your heart out, Audi.

Giving the Cascada a fabric roof has saved valuable weight over the folding metal contraptions that briefly shone in this sector. It's good to look at, works up to 30mph and produces no more noise than the fixed covering you might find in an Insignia. It does compromise boot space, leaving a long, thin slot for luggage when its folded away (all that fabric has got to go somewhere). The rear seats fold down to give



Now here's a dashboard to die for

lots more room with the roof in place.

Losing the rigidity of a fixed roof means, despite extra body strengthening, the Cascada wobbles gently on bad road surfaces, but it's not going to be a problem for owners who won't mind the trade off if it means hours basking in top-down sunshine.

A 2.0 litre diesel (£25,495) is expected to be the biggest seller in a range that tops out at £29,080 for a pumped up version of the same engine. The 1.4i Elite version's modestly powerful petrol unit was quiet and smooth but need a good prod to produce much action.

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That meant Hales finished the campaign with a perfect league record of 16 wins from 16 games.

**by Matt Maher**

**European tour joy for Jones**

**BRIERLEY HILL** darter Mark Jones will be a part of the PDC's European Tour event in Germany later this month after winning his spot in a qualifier.

He won two games at the Robin Park Centre in Wigan on Friday.

Now he goes forward to play in the tournament at the Maritim Hotel, Dusseldorf on May 17.

The 43-year-old defeated Josh Payne in the 10th leg to claim a 6-4 victory and then used just eight legs to see off Ian Walters 6-2.

'Little Mon' moved on to the weekend's UK Open qualifiers at the same venue on Saturday.

He received a bye to the second round.

But he was second best to world No.12 Gary Anderson, losing 6-1.

Jones then went down 6-3 to Jerry Hendriks at the same stage on Sunday.

However, Jones climbed a place in the world rankings and stands 61st in the PDC Order of Merit.

**CRADLEY'S** Chris Male plans to exorcise his demons tomorrow night at the Venue in Dudley as he makes his comeback after a short-lived retirement.

The punching postman returns to the scene of his English featherweight title defeat on points to Leeds' Josh Warrington in November, his first loss, writes **Crab Birch**.

Male hung his gloves in February after ditching plans to fight at Wolverhampton Civic Hall the following month but changed his mind just weeks later.

Now 'the Male Man' plans to deliver at the Venue against vastly-experienced Slovakian Elemir

**Boxing**

Rafael and then get back in the hunt for national titles.

The 30-year-old said: "I'm feeling refreshed and ready to go again, but I put so much in to the Warrington fight."

"I was mentally and physically drained afterwards."

"I jumped the gun by announcing my retirement."

"It was a snap decision after the defeat and, within a few weeks, I knew that I wasn't ready to give up boxing."

"It's in my blood and I'm not ready to walk away from it," he added.

## SPORT

# Pearson's pride at final success

**HEATHENS** chairman Nigel Pearson has declared his pride at the success of the British Under-21 final held at Monmore Green.

The former Cradley club - who are in early talks with a land owner over a possible site for their own track - hosted the event at Monmore for the second consecutive year in front of a bumper crowd as Coventry new-boy Robert Branford took victory.

Pearson was unable to attend as he presented the televised meeting between Lakeside and King's Lynn on Sky Sports on the same night.

But having been informed that the meeting was a resounding

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success, he has thanked both supporters and the Wolverhampton track staff for making it possible.

"We were very proud and privileged to be hosting the British Under-21 final for the second successive year," said Pearson.

"I'm not giving any secrets away when I say the crowd was up on last year, which we were very pleased about."

"Straight after the meeting I was on the phone to my colleagues and I was delighted to hear about the

success of the meeting. Congratulations to Robert Branford. I'm delighted he has been able to secure a place in the National League, albeit at the expense of Oliver Greenwood, who I wish all the best for a speedy recovery.

"Thanks to all the supporters who turned out and proved once again on a national basis that Dudley is such a well-supported club."

"Yet again it just proves what a success it is staging meetings at Wolverhampton with Chris Van Straaten and all his track staff."

"From a Dudley Heathens point of view we couldn't do any of this

without Wolverhampton and their track staff, so a big thanks to them once again for all their work."

Dudley's Ashley Morris was fourth and Branford's win earned him a quick return to Monmore.

Dudley booked him to guest against Mildenhall in the National Shield two nights ago with skipper Morris in action for Premier League Workington at Scunthorpe. Morris scored paid eight in an exciting draw at the Eddie Wright Raceway.

And back at Monmore, the Heathens took the silverware, beating the Fen Tigers 51-39 for an aggregate victory of 96-80.

# League title caps a perfect season

## Joy as McKee makes it just in time



There are Perrywoods players everywhere, but Becky Jones gets the ball away

**HALESOWEN** returned to the top of Birmingham County Division Two after winning a real six-pointer.

Six points were at stake as the game was designated a double-header - the teams had not met previously this season.

The Yeltz pressed hard from the off but ran into a defiant Perrywoods side who were giving nothing away.

Halesowen's midfield impressed with Dani Reade and Becky Jones linking up well to control the play.

But Perrywoods scored when a corner was headed out and one of their players delivered a clever, looping shot which cleared the stranded keeper.

However, Halesowen equalised with a similar delivery. Reade found striker Chloe Harris and she looped her shot into the net from 25 yards to put her side level going

## Halesowen Town Ladies 2 Perrywoods United 1

into the break. In the second half Halesowen, with the wind behind them, were urged forward in pursuit of a vital win.

Wingers Shannie Jennings and Angie Morley produced good runs and striker Sian Whittle twice went close.

Perrywoods retained a threat, but Shel Thomas, Jo Butland and Lauren Gilberto kept Halesowen secure at the back.

With just two minutes to go, Morley found Dominique McKee, who skipped past a defender and then slotted the ball past the oncoming keeper.

The celebrations by Halesowen reflected just how hard-fought a victory it had been as Perrywoods made the unbeaten Yeltz work very hard.

# Male man is getting ready to deliver

**Boxing**

Rafael and then get back in the hunt for national titles.

The 30-year-old said: "I'm feeling refreshed and ready to go again, but I put so much in to the Warrington fight."

"I was mentally and physically drained afterwards."

"I jumped the gun by announcing my retirement."

"It was a snap decision after the defeat and, within a few weeks, I knew that I wasn't ready to give up boxing."

"It's in my blood and I'm not ready to walk away from it," he added.

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## George fall just short of slaying the Greville

**The Greville 222  
The George 217**

THE GEORGE fell just five shots short of what would have been a tremendous bowls victory at the Solihull home of the Warwick and Worcester Premier Division One champions.

The home side were seven shots up after the first four. The George having wins from Alan Belcher (21-18) and Pete Davenport (21-17).

A similar pattern in the middle four saw the Warley visitors have another two winners in Marc Wilson (21-18) Elliot McGuinness (21-20), but The Greville increased their lead to 15 shots.

The George hit back strongly in the back four, captain Phil Clinton's 21-6 card backed by wins for Steve Dicken (21-18) and Steve Darling (21-20) only to fall just short.

**The George 243 Woodfield 177**

The seconds had a comfortable 66-shot home win against Wolverhampton side Woodfield in the South Staffs Premier.

The George built up a 19-shot lead after the first four thanks to wins from Stuart Medding (21-5) and Chris Simpson (21-13).

Middle four wins from Keith Walton (21-16) and Mick McGuinness (21-20) helped eke out the advantage by a further three shots.

Big wins from Mark Atkins (21-4), Martin McGuinness (21-5) and Adrian Ford (21-9) took The George to their final victory margin.

**The George 244  
British Oak 148**

The thirds opened their Warwick and Worcester Alliance Division Three campaign in style with a 96-shot victory.

They were never troubled, losing only once, and had 21-6 cards from both John Deakin and Steve Wyton.

## Darter Dicken's weekend woe

WEDNESBURY'S Matthew Dicken won one game in last weekend's PDC tournaments – the European Tour and the UK Open qualifiers.

The PDC youth tour regular hopes of making the next European event in Germany ended in defeat to Paul Amos at the Robin Park Centre, Wigan, on Friday. The 20-year-old lost in Saturday's qualifier to Barrie Bates. In Sunday's qualifier he beat Lee Moffat before losing to Richie Howson.



Boss Steve Clarke pulls the strings



Shane Long harasses Saints' Nathaniel Clyne



Referee Robert Madley brings Marc-Antoine Fortune's afternoon to an early conclusion

# Trip to the coast is such a perfect day

**Southampton 0 Albion 3**

**SUPER** scoreline. Fabulous timing. Perfect day.

Steve Clarke continues to set Albion's targets higher and higher, *writes Steve Madeley.*

Yet on Saturday evening, it was hard to believe life as a Baggies fan could get much better than this.

With an impeccable sense of occasion, the swashbuckling Albion of autumn made a long-awaited reappearance to ensure a record-breaking, history-making afternoon on the south coast.

It was a fine performance with which to rewrite Baggies record books.

But the fact that more than 3,000 travelling fans were present to witness their team's return to form, made the day so much more special. And of course, events at Molineux helped, too.

**Trekking**

The travelling Albion fans mocked their neighbours mercilessly as they watched their own side tear apart an in-form Saints side with a performance reminiscent of those heady days at the start of the season when Clarke's men were third in the table and dreaming of Europe.

For the striped army that trekked to Hampshire, it was a dream cocktail of events that made their day more memorable than they dared to imagine when they departed the West Midlands early on Saturday morning.

Granted, it could have been even better. There were collective groans when Tottenham equalised at Wigan to take a little of the heat off Villa in the Premier League relegation battle.

There was a modicum of frustration as Romelu Lukaku missed a handful of good chances to ensure Albion's own game remained in the balance much longer than it should have. And Marc-Antoine Fortune's stupid sending off – one of three on the day –



Romelu Lukaku slots the ball home to score the Baggies' second goal at Southampton

marred the success just a little. But there were very few travelling fans whose glasses were half-empty come 5pm on Saturday.

Because, as away trips go, this one was pretty flawless for the long-distance supporters, 2,000 of whom had gone to St Mary's free of charge thanks to the Baggies' annual coaches offer.

And statistically, it was a red-letter day for their club, too. The records have been on the cards for weeks so it was little surprise when they eventually arrived.

But their predictability does not make them any less impressive for Clarke and Co.

A club-record 14th Premier League victory in a season ensured Albion's highest ever points total since the top flight was rebranded, and all with four matches to spare. It made sure, too, that they remained six points clear of the chasing pack in eighth place and on course to clinch the best-of-the-

rest spot behind the division's established big names. And it gave Albion their first win at Southampton since a 2-0 success in 1969.

Best of all, they did it all with a style and swagger that has often been missing since Christmas as they have edged their way towards notable milestones after such a stunning start to the campaign.

With Clarke's bold 4-3-3 selection pinning back the Saints, the Baggies signalled their intentions from the opening moments and they were ahead on six minutes as Gareth McAuley and Lukaku helped on a Graham Dorrans corner and Fortune forced the ball over the line.

The hosts, so impressive under Mauricio Pochettino, were never allowed to respond as the visitors opened them up at will.

Lukaku had a trio of fine chances before half-time but was denied a goal by a combination of tame finishing and smart goalkeeping



Lukaku celebrates as Albion romp home

from Artur Boruc. The Saints' only response was a firm shot from Nathaniel Clyne that drew a good save from Ben Foster, with Clarke's men maintaining their dominance in second half packed full with incident.

Lukaku made it 2-0 from a fine ball from Fortune, who then tarnished an excellent day's work with a needless dismissal for reacting to an elbow by Gaston Ramirez on Shane Long that had already earned the Uruguayan his marching orders.

But even at 10 versus 10, the Baggies stayed on top. And Long completed the scoring late on when he raced onto a clever Lukaku pass and drilled a low effort through the legs of Boruc.

The hordes of visiting fans shared a moment of mutual appreciation with their side at the final whistle as all reflected on a day that will stand out, even from a season of so many magical memories.

## Six of the best for a place in last four

**Halas Hawks**

**Boys League  
Kewford East U9 0  
Halas Hawks U9 North 6**

HALAS booked their place in the Merit semi-finals with a six-goal victory.

They scored in the first minute through Callum Deeming after a long throw by James Thacker.

Alex Tierney fired home shortly after, and Deeming completed a first-half hat-trick with two goals just before the interval.

Kewford were stronger in the second half and created several promising moves, but the Halas defenders Owen Jinks, Thomas Galligan and Aidan Jackson stood firm with key tackles.

Halas added further goals from Alex Tierney and Ben Pedley.

**Brierley Hill Bullets U14 West 1  
Halas Hawks U14 4**

Halas were on top from the start, playing some good football and the pressure told when Shane Billingham put them ahead.

Halas continued to push and Billingham added a second midway through the half.

An error saw Brierley Hill gifted a goal, but within minutes Cain Brissett extended Halas' lead just before the break.

The second half saw Halas continue to press but again fail to convert their chances until Cameron Milne added their fourth from long range to finish the scoring and seal the points.

Callum Hudson did a fine job as stand-in goalkeeper.

**Black Country Colts U15 2  
Halas Hawks U15 6**

Despite going a goal down at Black Country Colts, the Under-15s scored three times during the first half through Josh Mason, Dominic Hipkiss and Adam Higginson.

The second half saw Hipkiss complete his hat-trick and the match was completed by a Charlie Bagley goal. Dan Jennings was outstanding in defence.

**Oldswinford U16 0  
Halas Hawks U16 4**

Halas under-16s beat Oldswinford 4-0 to move within two points of the league leaders, with four matches in hand.

However, a lot of twists and turns will undoubtedly follow before the league title is decided.

Hawks' goals came from Josh March, who bagged two, Mitchell Tomlinson and Jake Walley.



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## Clarke: I want Villa to stay up

ALBION boss Steve Clarke wants Villa to win their survival battle - and hinted he would like Wolves back in the Premier League.

The Baggies are certain to end this season as top dogs in the West Midlands for the second year in succession as Villa fight for Premier League safety and Wolves face probable relegation to League One.

But Clarke, who has led Albion to eighth in the top flight with four games remaining, insisted local competition is important to help the Baggies keep their eye on the ball.

The fans in blue and white have revelled in their status at the head of the region, but Clarke took the long view when he said: "I would like to see the Midlands stronger."

"It's important that you have good competition from the clubs around you."

"If you have that competition and it's healthy around the area and it's better for the Midlands that they have more successful teams. I would miss Villa."

"It's important that they finish the season strongly. It's important to have your rivals breathing down your neck. We can see how much it means to the supporters."

"But you want to be the top dogs because you've beaten your nearest rivals or you've finished higher than them in the same league. That's important."

Meanwhile, Gareth McAuley has done the double at the end of season awards ceremony.

McAuley was crowned both 'supporters' and players' player of the season on Sunday.

## Extra-time heartbreak

**Droitwich Spa U17 Girls 3  
Halas Hawks U17 Girls 2  
(aet, full-time 2-2)**

HALAS suffered an extra-time defeat in the Stourbridge League Cup final.

They began well and went one up within a few minutes. A goalkeeping error saw the ball finish at the feet of Kate Drew who slotted it away.

The remainder of the half was all Halas, but Droitwich came into the game after the break.

Halas got a second through player of the match Gemma Stokes. But Spa levelled to take the game into extra-time and then bagged the winner.

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Winner Jordanne Whiley

## Joyous Whiley nets emotional double

HALESOWEN'S Jordanne Whiley has won an emotional title double.

Whiley won both the women's singles and doubles at the Israel Open at Tel Aviv - the venue where she first hit a tennis ball 18 years ago at the age of three.

Whiley claimed the third ITF 2 title of her career and her 12th women's singles title in total after justifying top seeding to see off French third seed Christine Schoenn 6-1, 6-3.

It was Whiley's third win over Schoenn in a singles final this year,

### Wheelchair tennis

with the British No.2 having also beaten the Frenchwoman to win Britain's first two world ranking tournaments of the season, the North-West Challenge in Preston and the North-East Wheelchair Tennis Tournament in Sunderland.

The London 2012 women's doubles bronze medalist also celebrated winning the doubles title in Tel Aviv, in her first tournament partnering young Turkish player

Busra Un. The second seeds upset top-ranked Bianca Osterer of Germany and Schoenn in a thrilling final, prevailing 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 10-5 after a deciding match tie-break.

Whiley's victories come 18 years after she first hit tennis balls from her wheelchair as a three-year-old at the 1995 Israel Open. She was there with her father, Keith, who was playing in the tournament. Both were born with the bone condition osteogenesis imperfecta.

"This is a special week for me and quite an emotional one and I'm

delighted to have won both titles," said Whiley, who reached the singles final for the loss of just two games in two matches.

"This is where I first played wheelchair tennis with my dad in between his matches in 1995."

"The tournament even gave me my own award for being the youngest wheelchair tennis player they had seen."

"Who'd have thought I would come back here 18 years later as a Paralympic medalist and win both the singles and doubles titles?"

## Squads finish in top three

HALESOWEN Swimming Club's A and B squads both made the top three in the Worcester Winter League finals at Droitwich.

Halesowen performed solidly in the A final and were in contention for much of the gala before securing a strong third place overall.

In the B final earlier, Halesowen performed well and also ended in third place.

In the A team, double winners were Kate Morrice in the freestyle and butterfly and Josh Bradley in the breaststroke and butterfly.

Other individual winners were Michael Edmonds (backstroke), Max Rollason (breaststroke) and Mark Laing (freestyle). The unbeatable open relay team won both medley and freestyle events with a team of Chloe Finch, Lilian Parsons, Chloe Robbins, Rebecca Spoor and Zach Collins.

In the B team, individual event winners were Sophie Page (freestyle), Luke Morris (butterfly) and Jacob Darby (breaststroke).

The B team also won both relays with the team of Sian Carey, Shannon O'Brien, Alison Peakman and Jack Slattery.

**A final:** Droitwich A 190pts, Stourbridge A 175, Halesowen A 164, Worcester 136, Oldbury 101, Stourbridge B 71.  
**B final:** Droitwich 170pts, Droitwich B 167, Halesowen B 139, Worcester B 133, Perry Beeches & SSS 127, Haden Hill 91.

## Harris lands the Cardiff wild card

BIRMINGHAM Speedway star Chris Harris has been handed the wild card entry to the British Grand Prix at Cardiff on June 1.

Harris famously won the GP at the Millennium Stadium in 2007 with a last-lap pass.

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# WARMER KEEPS UP PROMOTION HEAT

HALESOWEN'S battle for promotion from Evo-Stik Division One South is going right down to the wire.

The Yeltz beat Carlton Town at the weekend to set up a dramatic finale when they host Lincoln United on Saturday.

They are one of four clubs all scrapping for the division's final two play-off places. Stamford, Chasetown and Sutton Coldfield are all two points ahead of the Yeltz, and all have a markedly superior goal difference.

To extend their campaign, Halesowen will need to beat Lincoln and hope that two of their three rivals both lose.

Stamford are at Mick-leover Sports; Sutton Coldfield host Leek Town and Chasetown are away to Coalville Town.

**Halesowen Town 2  
Carlton Town 1**

Two stunning first-half goals kept Halesowen's promotion dreams alive in a four-way tussle for the final two Division One South play-off places.

The Yeltz started brightly and forced five corners in the first 20 minutes with Tom Warner's eighth-minute free-kick saved by Jordan Fell.

Gavin Winsper then nodded just wide and another Warner drive was blocked.

The pressure finally paid off when impressive Mitchell Botfield handed Halesowen a well-deserved 25th-minute lead with a delightful strike after he took the ball down, controlled and smashed home from 22 yards.

However, the goal brought the Millers to life.

Former Yeltz player Ruben Wiggins-Thomas exposed the home defence to equalise just four minutes later with a free header from Alex Troke's deep free-kick.

Wiggins-Thomas lobbed

### Halesowen Town

over the bar in a good Carlton spell and home goalkeeper Paul Evans produced a fine fingertip save from Luke Smithson before turning Julian Topliss' low header around the post.

But the lively Tom Warner placed a superb Halesowen winner into the far top corner from a wide angle in the final minute of the first half after Aaron Griffiths slid the ball down the left side of the penalty area.

However, a defensive lapse almost proved devastatingly costly again when Carlton's Lee McNulty struck the post seconds before half-time.

The second half provided few chances on goal after Brendan Kelly slammed a 50th-minute free-kick straight into the Carlton defensive wall.

But Halesowen had already done enough to keep the season bubbling until the final day.

**Halesowen Town:** Evans; Winsper, Meacham, Botfield (Baker 50), Parker, Kelly, Griffiths (Tonks 73), Barnfield (c), Warner, Hasleley, Gueyes. Subs not used: Hill, Waldron, Flower.

**Carlton Town:** Fell; Nightingale, Fletcher, Troke (Dakin 75), McNulty, Henry (Whitehurst HT), Thornton, Thomas, Topliss, Wiggins-Thomas (c), Smithson. Sub not used: Clarke.

**Referee:** Andrew Fox.  
**Attendance:** 274.

## Young hockey sides make an impact at festival



Members of Old Halesonian Hockey Club's under-11 squad who won their competition at the Droitwich Festival

YOUNG players from the Old Halesonians club shone at the Droitwich Hockey Festival.

The under-11 and under-13 squads had both enjoyed good seasons and were hoping to make an impact at

Droitwich. The under-11s emerged victorious in their competition while the under-13s finished runners-up.

It was the first Worcestershire clubs tournament victory for the under-11s squad.

The performances will have put both teams in good heart for the forthcoming Badgers Festival.

It will be hosted by Old Halesonians at Windsor High School on Saturday, May 11.

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